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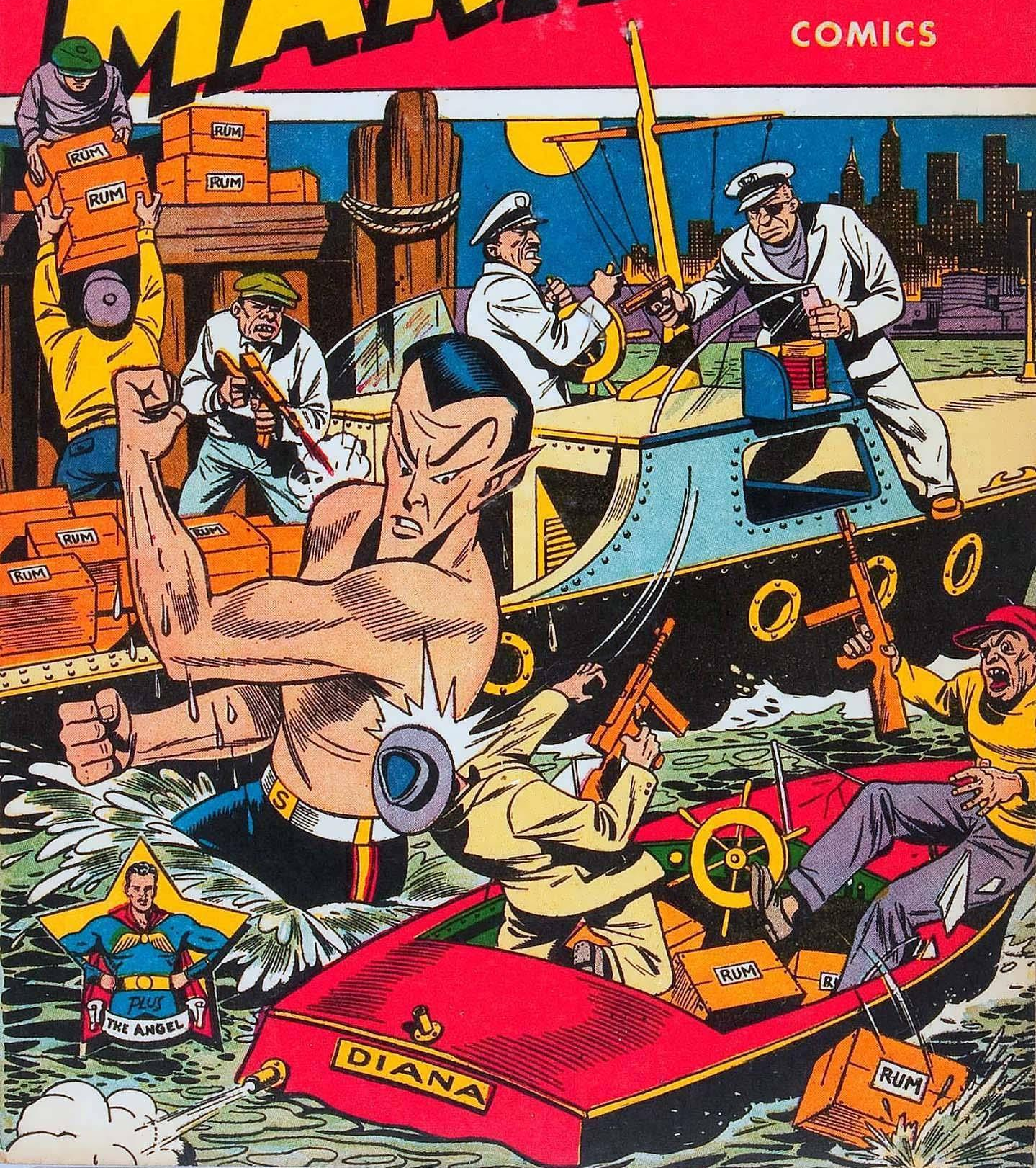
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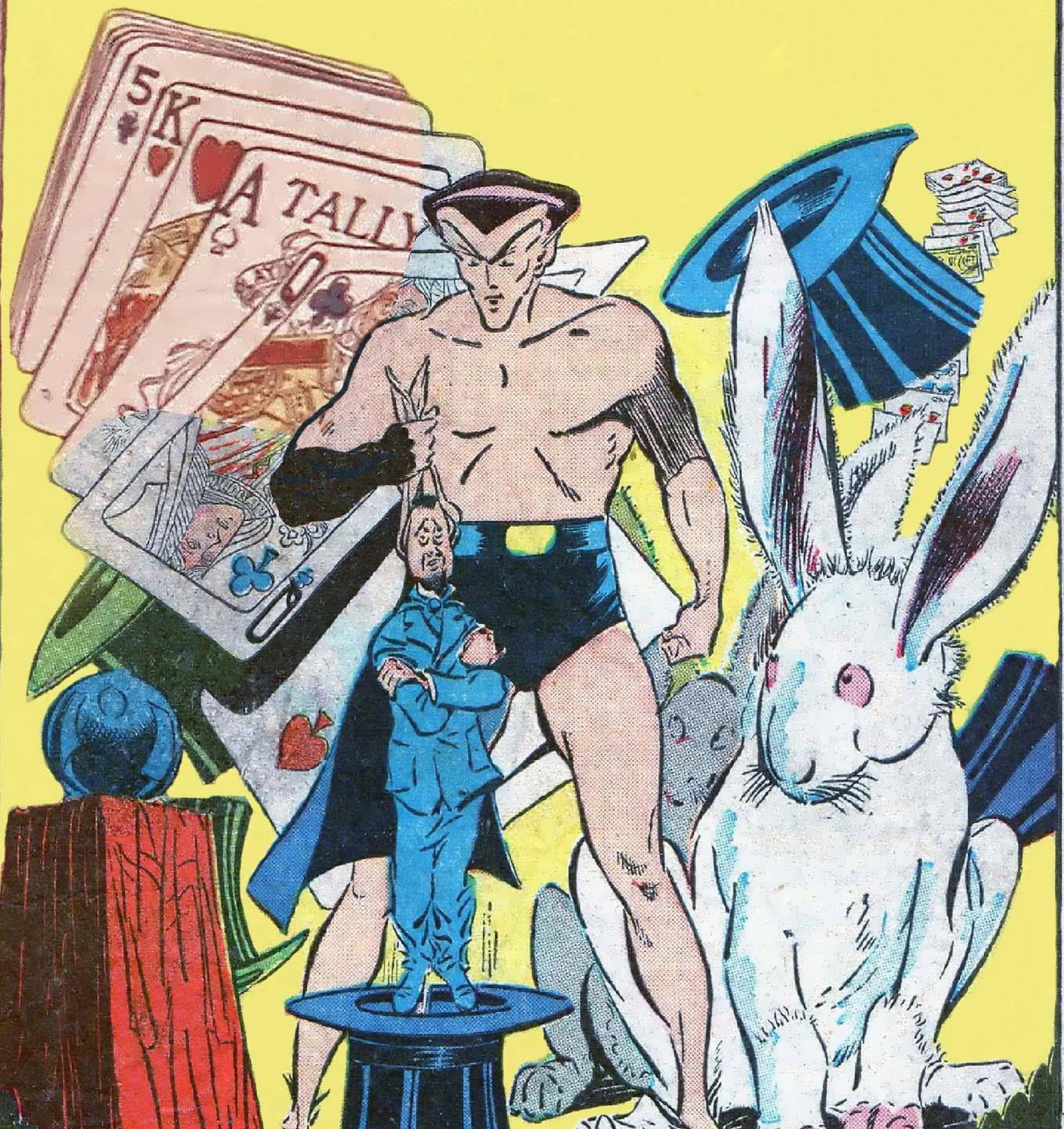

A MAGICIAN TURNS HIS SURPRISE BAG OF CUNNING TRICKS INTO BOLD CRIME AND MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES DEFYING SOLUTION! AND THE MIGHTY **SUBMARINER** FINDS HIMSELF IN A DEATH-DEFYING BATTLE AGAINST BAFFLING ODDS--AS HE PURSUES THE PERILOUS TRICK-TRAIL PROVIDED BY--

"MOUDINI THE MARVEL!"

AT A WATERFRONT CARNIVAL, NOT FAR FROM NEW YORK CITY...
I'M NOT PARTIAL TO BEARDED FEMALES, BETTY! YOU GO AHEAD IN-- I'LL WAIT OUT HERE!
ALL RIGHT, NAMOR, BUT YOU'LL BE MISSING SOMETHING!
BEARDED LADY
A GREEN HANDKERCHIEF! KEEP AN EYE ON IT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! PRESTO, ALCO, CHANGO!
WELL, WELL, A MAGICIAN! LET'S SEE WHAT HE PULLS OUT OF HIS HAT!
MOUDINI! THE MARVEL MAGICIAN
THERE YOU ARE! MY, MY, IT DID CHANGE! AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I ASK YOUR HELP IN MY NEXT FEAT OF MAGIC! HAND OVER ANY OBJECT YOU WANT, TO ME --- BUT BE SURE IT'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT ANY MORE, BECAUSE I'M GOING TO MAKE IT DISAPPEAR! AH, THERE'S A GENTLEMAN WITH A NICE CIGARETTE-LIGHTER! MIND IF I USE IT?
THANKS, SHERIFF... DID I GET THE TITLE RIGHT? THAT BADGE YOU'RE WEARING?
NOPE, NOT QUITE! I'M CONSTABLE-DEPUTY OF THIS TOWN...O.K. LET'S SEE YOU MAKE THIS LIGHTER DISAPPEAR!
A FEW MOTIONS --AND--
IT'S GONE! AND NOW FOR MY NEXT FEAT OF---
WAIT A MINUTE! HOW ABOUT MY LIGHTER?
PRETTY SLICK! HE'S A FAST SLEIGHT-OF-HAND MAN--- AND NOW HE WANTS TO KEEP THE STUFF!
YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE THAT LIGHTER BACK TO ME! I THOUGHT YOU WERE FOOLING!
OH, NO... IT'S DISAPPEARED! YOU GAVE IT TO ME AT YOUR OWN RISK! I'M ENTIRELY WITHIN MY RIGHTS!
TOO BAD, CONSTABLE, BUT THAT'S CORRECT.... AND NOW I'D LIKE TO DEMONSTRATE MY OWN LITTLE MAGIC FEAT!
2.

PRESTO! CHANGO! AH, THE LIGHTER'S **REAPPEARED**! THAT MAKES IT ALL YOURS AGAIN, CONSTABLE!
HA-HA! THAT GUY'S COLOSSAL!
THAT GUY'S SUBMARINER!
HEY!
I HAVE TO HEAD BACK AND MEET A LADY WHO'S SEEING A BEARDED LADY!
I HAVE TO HEAD TO THE RAILROAD STATION AND MEET A TRAIN-- WITH $100,000 IN GOLD BULLION!
$100,000 IN GOLD! BETTY DOESN'T NEED ME, BUT THE CONSTABLE MIGHT!
WHILE-- IN A CERTAIN HOUSE NOT FAR AWAY....
THERE GOES THE CONSTABLE! ALL'S CLEAR, WITH THE FISHFACE GONE.... GET BUSY WITH YOUR ACT, BOYS!
WHAT A DISAPPEARIN' ACT **THIS** IS GONNA BE!
LOCK UP THE CAR, AND WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY TO THE BANK!
THIS GOLD SURE IS HEAVY!
3.

THEN SUDDENLY!
OH!
UGH!
THE GAS'LL STOP THEM! THAT WAS NIFTY --- US COMING THROUGH THE ROAD BLOCK!
NEXT MOMENT...
CHET, HELP ME GET THE GOLD! KEEP 'EM COVERED, SLUGGER!
ONE MOVE AND I'LL PLUG 'EM!
YOU WON'T GET THE CHANCE!
BANG!
CRASH!
SUBMAR-UGH!
WE'LL RUB HIM OUT FAST!
But
NOT SO FAST! THIS ONE'S ON THE HORSE!
SMASH!
GOOD! A ROPE! I'LL TIE THESE 3 MUGS UP, THEN REVIVE THE CONSTABLE AND GUARDS! SOME WATER SHOULD DO IT!

AND WITH THE THUGS SECURELY TIED...
THEY'RE DOUBLE-LOCKED IN! BUT JUST THE SAME, I'LL RIDE ALONG!
WE'LL BE THERE AS SOON AS WE COME UP FROM THIS UNDERPASS! EVERYTHING O.K., SUBMARINER?
O.K. -- NOT A SOUND -- OR SIGN OF ANYONE!
But LATER!
EMPTY! THE CHEST OF GOLD, AND THOSE GUNMEN ARE GONE! I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!
TUMBLING TUNA! IT MUST HAVE HAPPENED IN THE UNDERPASS!
HERE'S THE ROPE!
WHAT A DISAPPEARING ACT!
DISAPPEARING IS RIGHT -- HERE'S SOMETHING!
A MAGICIAN'S PLAYING CARD! NOW I GET IT -- THEY'RE MIXED UP WITH A MAGICIAN WHO TAUGHT THEM AN ESCAPE TRICK -- AND THAT REMINDS ME OF MOUDINI! I'M GOING TO SEE HIM!
THAT CROOKED MAGICIAN! I'LL GO WITH YOU!
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WE MEET AGAIN, MOUDINI! WE GOT YOUR ADDRESS FROM THE CARNIVAL MANAGER! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR AIDING AND ABETTING A NICE ROBBERY! WHERE'S THE GOLD--AND WHERE ARE YOUR THIEVING FRIENDS?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
DO YOU WANT A STIFF WALLOP ON YOUR JAW--TO OPEN YOUR MOUTH?
GO ON, BEAT ME UNTIL MY BONES BREAK, BUT I CAN TELL YOU NOTHING! BECAUSE I KNOW NOTHING!
A COOLING OFF IN THE COOLER WILL MAKE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND!
YOU'VE ABSOLUTELY NO GROUNDS TO LOCK ME UP! I'LL SUE YOU FOR FALSE ARREST!
YEH? THE LAW SAYS I CAN HOLD YOU FOR 24 HOURS--ON SUSPICION!
I'LL STAY HERE AND LOOK AROUND!
MAYBE I'LL FIND A LEAD!
WHAT A LOAD OF TRICK THINGS! THIS IS THE 'KERCHIEF THAT "TURNED" GREEN--AND HERE'S A FALSE BOTTOM HAT! HE CAN PULL THINGS OUT OF HIS SLEEVE WITH ONE HAND AND PULL THEM OUT OF THE HAT WITH THE OTHER! BUT STILL, NO LEAD TO THE ROBBERY...WELL, I MIGHT AS WELL KEEP LOOKING!
MEANWHILE...
IRON BARS DO NOT MY PRISON MAKE! NO CELL CAN HOLD ME!
THESE BARS CAN! AND THE DOOR'S PADLOCKED AND BOLTED---AND OUR NEW BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM WILL SIGNAL, IF YOU DO GET OUT!

And BACK TO SUBMARINER...
HERE'S SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HELP! GREEN THREADS STICKING TO THE LEG OF THE CHAIR! MOUDINI WASN'T WEARING A SUIT OF THAT TYPE, BUT ONE OF THOSE GUNMEN WAS--I'LL TAKE THESE THREADS RIGHT OVER TO THE POLICE LAB!
THESE THREADS HAVE GOLDENROD PARTICLES CAUGHT IN THEM! THE ONLY SECTION AROUND HERE WHERE GOLDENROD GROWS IS AT THE SOUTH END OF TOWN--OFF THE BEACH--PAST THE PARKER VACANT LOT!
THANKS!
I'VE A HUNCH I'M GETTING ON THE TRAIL NOW!
While!
I GOT A FEELING SUBMARINER'S ON THEIR TRAIL NOW! THIS OUGHT TO TAKE THE STARCH OUT OF THAT CONFOUNDED MAGICIAN! I'M GOING TO TELL HIM--- COME ON, GUARD!
MIND IF I JOIN YOU, CONSTABLE?
HOLY MACKEREL! ESCAPED! OUT OF IRON BARS AND A PADLOCKED DOOR!
INCREDIBLE! THE MAN'S A GENIUS!
THIS BEATS EVERYTHING!
Farewell!
At THE SAME TIME...
I'VE JUST PASSED THE PARKER PROPERTY--AND THERE ARE THE GOLDENRODS... MMM, ALSO A SHACK AND A WAITING LAUNCH---THIS LOOKS MIGHTY INTERESTING!

THIS IS IT!
WE MADE IT IN TIME!
IN TIME FOR OUR DATE WITH MOUDINI... WHEN DO WE TAKE OUR SHARE OF THE GOLD?
YOU DON'T!
BUT!
THE FISH! UGH!
EEEE!
BUT YOU'RE IN FOR YOUR SHARE OF HARD KNOCKS!
OF COURSE. I ESCAPED! HA-HA!
AND NOW! OOPS-- HOW DID THESE BIRDS...? MOUDINI! OUT OF JAIL!
HA-HA-HA! I ESCAPE AGAIN--INTO MY CABIN!
THIS MAY BE A TRAP--I'LL HAVE TO--TO--WHAT'S THIS? A DOZEN MIRRORS REFLECTING MOUDINI! BUT WHERE IS HE?

A FLASH MOMENT LATER...
HA-HA! THOSE IMAGES OF ME ARE PORTRAITS PASTED ON THE MIRRORS TO LOOK LIKE REFLECTIONS! I GET SUCH A KICK OUT OF FOOLING PEOPLE! HA-HA!
CRASH!
MANY MOMENTS AFTER, THE STRICKEN NAMOR AWAKENS...
AH, YOU AWAKENED JUST IN TIME! OTHERWISE, I WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE YOU WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE! MY MEN AND I ARE GETTING OFF--WE'VE SET A TIME-BOMB TO EXPLODE IN JUST 10 MINUTES!
I HEAR THE TICKING--YOU FIEND!
FIEND? NO! I'M A MAN TIRED OF PERFORMING FOR CHEAP AUDIENCES, TIRED OF WASTING MY GREAT TALENT! I WANT A FORTUNE AND HAVE TAKEN MY FIRST BIG STEP--ACQUIRING GOLD BULLION! ALL THESE PETTY MAGIC GADGETS I LEAVE BEHIND--TO BE DESTROYED WITH YOU! AH, BUT, BEFORE I GO, JUST ONE MORE PERFORMANCE YOU WILL SURELY ENJOY!
I KNOW THAT WATER ONLY CAN BRING YOU BACK YOUR STRENGTH, FISH MAN--AND I AM GENEROUS ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU YOUR LAST GLIMPSE OF THE LIQUID... OBSERVE, THIS GLASS IS EMPTY!
CALL IT MENTAL TORTURE--IF YOU WISH! BEHOLD--PRESTO--CHANGO--ACADABRACABRA--PRESTO--AND WHAT HAVE WE?

WATER! THIS GLASS IS BRIMFUL WITH IT NOW -- AND I DRINK -- A TOAST! A TOAST! TO MY GOLDEN FUTURE, FISHMAN -- AND YOUR DEATH!
AH, THAT WAS DELICIOUS! NOT A DROP LEFT NOW!
MOUDINI! HURRY -- WE'RE GETTING OFF!
CAN'T GET OUT... NO USE... IF I ONLY HAD WATER... HOW DID HE GET WATER? IT COULDN'T COME OUT OF HIS MUTTERING PHONY WORDS... BUT YET, I SAW WATER -- HEARD IT GURGLING! IT CAME FROM SOMEWHERE...
CREEPING CATFISH! I THINK I KNOW WHERE! BEFORE HE USED HIS HOKUS-POKUS, HE WAS CAREFUL TO SET THE GLASS DOWN ON THE TABLE! AND THE WAY HE HELD THE GLASS, TOO... YES, I'VE GOT TO BRING THAT TABLE TO ME -- AND THIS CANE OUGHT TO DO IT!
IT'S MY ONE CHANCE! I HOPE I'M RIGHT!
THE WATER CAME FROM THE JUG, SIPHONED FROM THE TUBE THROUGH A HOLE ON TOP OF THE TABLE AND INTO THE GLASS! THE BOTTOM OF THE GLASS ALSO HAD A HOLE IN IT, WHICH MOUDINI'S FINGER DEFTLY PLUGGED WHEN HE LIFTED THE GLASS! A PHONY TRICK -- BUT THIS WATER'S REAL! MY STRENGTH'S COMING BACK!

SECONDS LATER...
I DIDN'T GET OFF A SECOND TOO SOON! AND NOW--TO CATCH UP WITH MOUDINI!
BOOM
SETS OF FRESH FOOT-PRINTS--LEADING FROM THE WATER---
AT THAT MOMENT, AROUND THE CURVE...
WE'LL DRIVE YOU TO YOUR NEW HIDEOUT--AND SPLIT THE GOLD! YOU FELLAS GET INTO THE BACK OF THE CAR--IN THE BOTTOM--IN CASE ANYONE CURIOUS LOOKS IN!
VERY WELL! BUT I DOUBT WHETHER ANYONE WILL GET CURIOUS NOW! THE ONLY ONE WAS SUBMARINER--AND HE'S PAID FOR HIS CURIOSITY!
YEH--BLOWN TO BITS--LET'S GET GOING!
THERE! THIS BUTTON DOES IT--OPENS THE FALSE BOTTOM IN THE CAR--PRESTO! WHEN I THINK OF HOW WE FOOLED SUBMARINER, IT TICKLES ME PINK!
SUDDENLY
THIS WILL TICKLE YOU BLACK AND BLUE!
ULP! SUB-MARINER!
SEE WHAT I MEAN? AND THIS TIME YOU BIRDS GET TIED UP!
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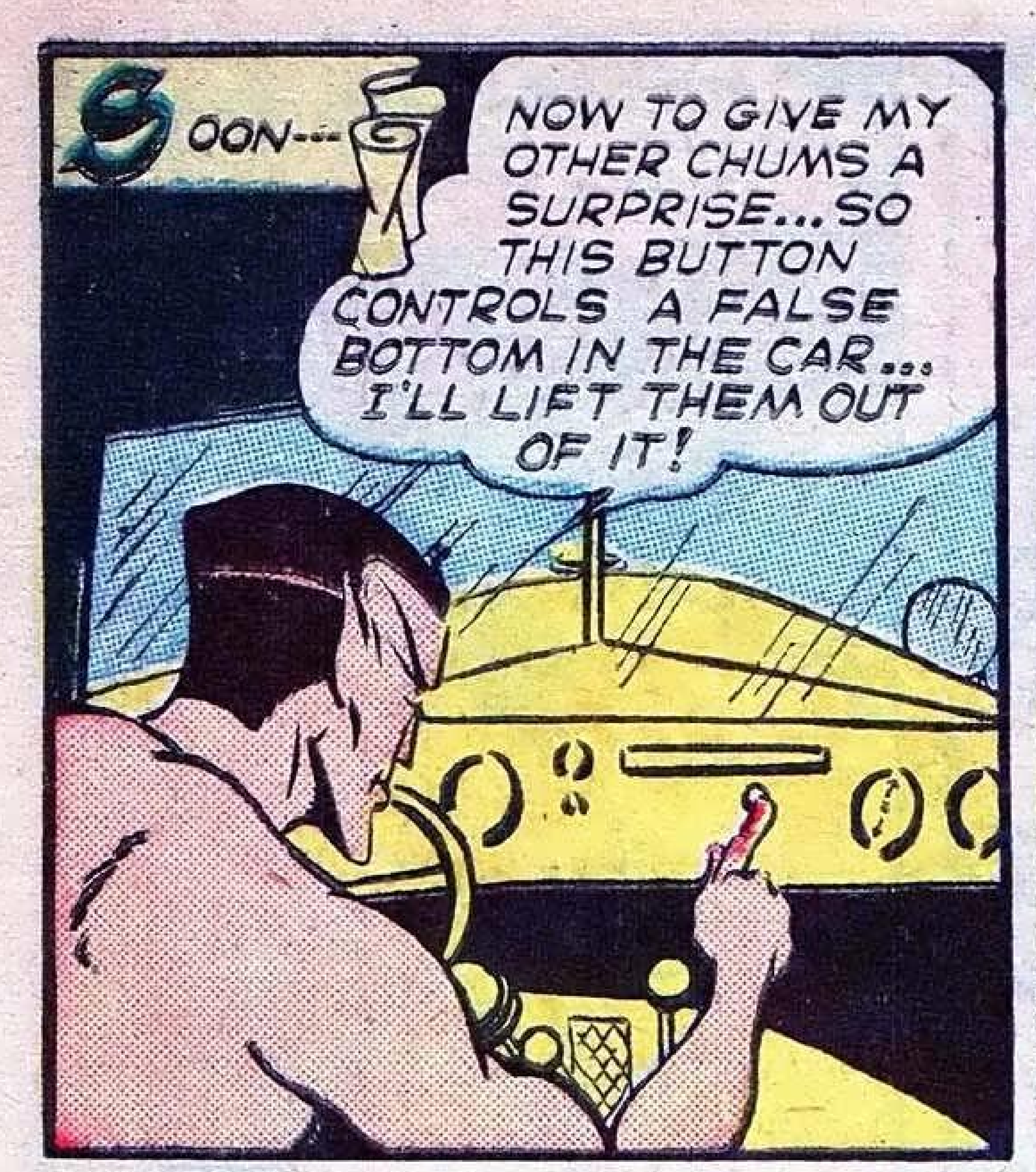
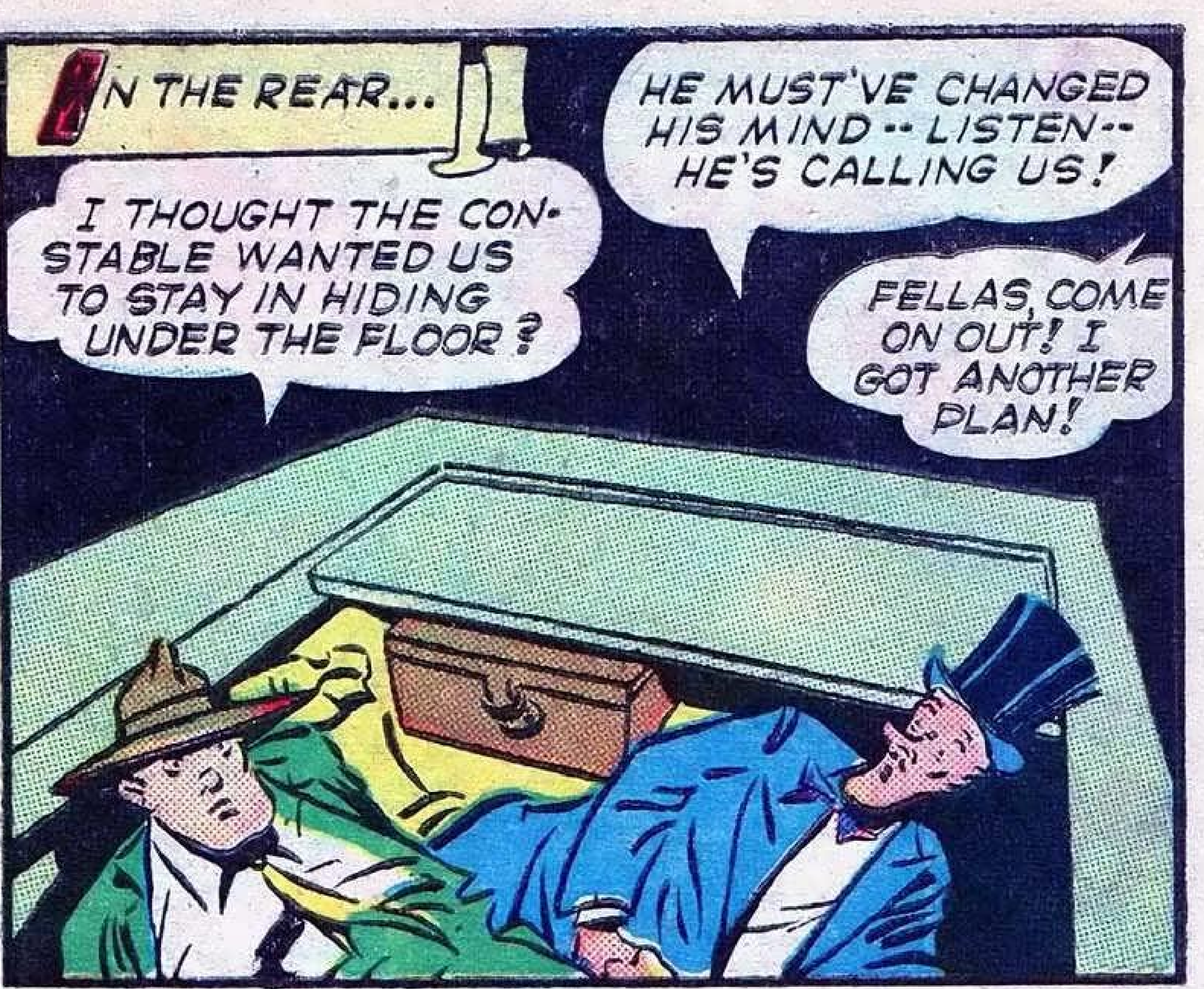
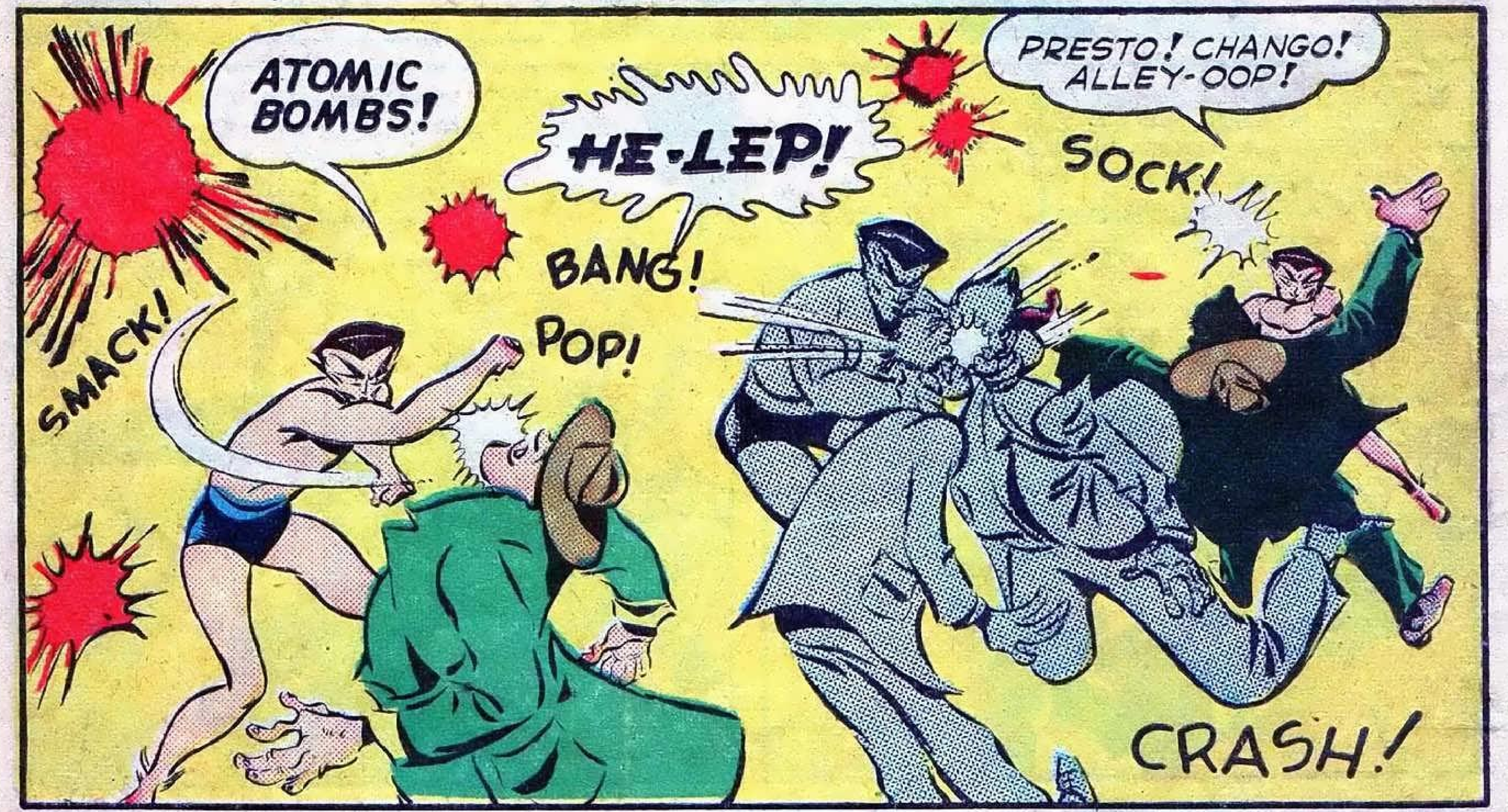
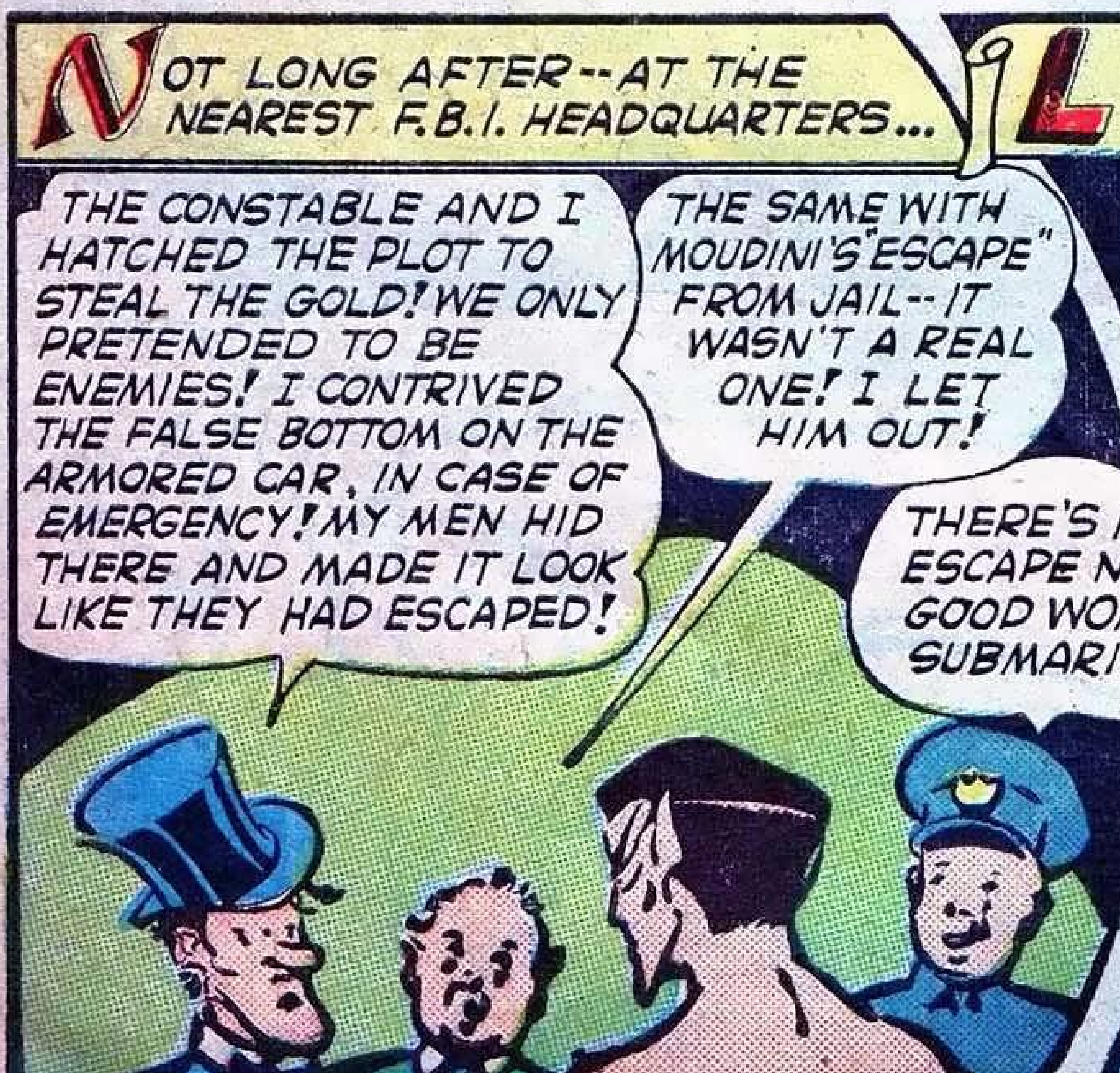
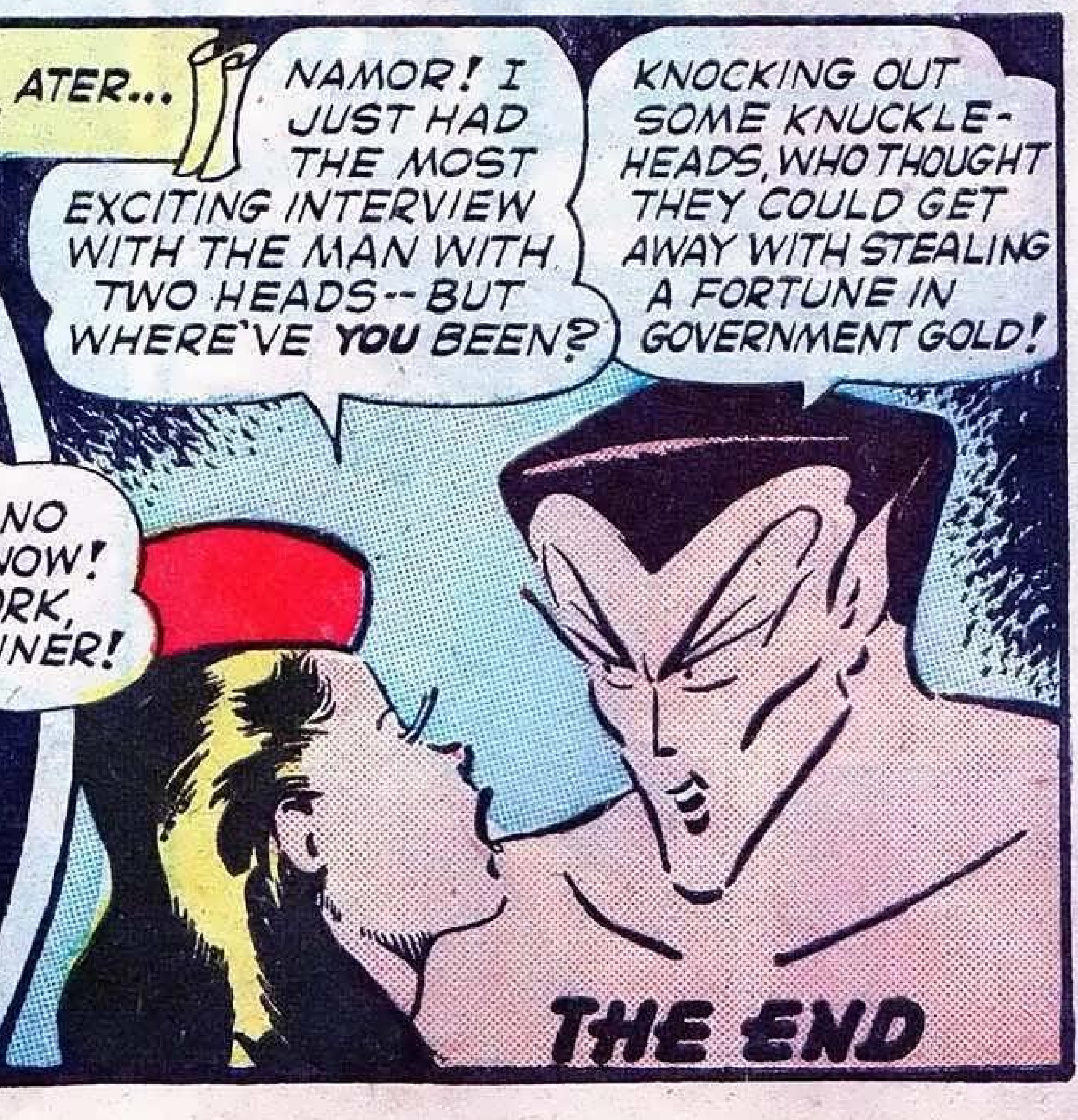

SOON---
NOW TO GIVE MY OTHER CHUMS A SURPRISE...SO THIS BUTTON CONTROLS A FALSE BOTTOM IN THE CAR... I'LL LIFT THEM OUT OF IT!


IN THE REAR...
I THOUGHT THE CONSTABLE WANTED US TO STAY IN HIDING UNDER THE FLOOR?
HE MUST'VE CHANGED HIS MIND -- LISTEN -- HE'S CALLING US!
FELLAS, COME ON OUT! I GOT ANOTHER PLAN!


ATOMIC BOMBS!
HE-LEP!
PRESTO! CHANGO! ALLEY-OOP!
SOCK!
BANG!
SMACK!
POP!
CRASH!


NOT LONG AFTER -- AT THE NEAREST F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS...
THE CONSTABLE AND I HATCHED THE PLOT TO STEAL THE GOLD! WE ONLY PRETENDED TO BE ENEMIES! I CONTRIVED THE FALSE BOTTOM ON THE ARMORED CAR, IN CASE OF EMERGENCY! MY MEN HID THERE AND MADE IT LOOK LIKE THEY HAD ESCAPED!
THE SAME WITH MOUDINI'S "ESCAPE" FROM JAIL -- IT WASN'T A REAL ONE! I LET HIM OUT!
THERE'S NO ESCAPE NOW! GOOD WORK, SUBMARINER!


LATER...
NAMOR! I JUST HAD THE MOST EXCITING INTERVIEW WITH THE MAN WITH TWO HEADS -- BUT WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
KNOCKING OUT SOME KNUCKLE-HEADS, WHO THOUGHT THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH STEALING A FORTUNE IN GOVERNMENT GOLD!
THE END

SUB-MARINER
OUR MARVELOUS SCIENTIFIC METHODS OF COMBATING CRIME TODAY STACK UP GREAT ODDS AGAINST THE CRIMINAL. SATAN HIMSELF MUST HAVE TURNED LOOSE INTO THIS AGE A FIEND SO CUNNING THAT HIS MASS RAMPAGES OF THIEVERY AND MURDER SLIP SUCCESSFULLY AHEAD OF THE BAFFLED POLICE! AND ONLY THE MIGHTY SUB-MARINER IN A DEATH-DEFYING BATTLE OF BRAIN AND BRAWN CAN COMPETE WITH THIS MYSTERIOUS MOBSTER WHOSE SLOGAN IS...
CRIME'S A CINCH!
BANK OF
TELLER
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A HIGHWAY RUNS NEAR THE TOP OF THESE TALL ROUGH CLIFFS BORDERING THE EASTERN COAST.
AT THE VERY MOMENT ON THIS DANGEROUS ROAD AN UNUSUAL CHASE TAKES PLACE.....
SLOW DOWN, MEN! DEVIL'S HOOK AHEAD!! THAT BUS CAN'T MAKE IT!!
ANOTHER SECOND AND....
THERE SHE GOES!
A FEW MINUTES LATER THE EDITOR OF THE GLOBE CALLS BETTY DEAN'S DESK....
YES, CHIEF?
GANGSTERS HELD UP THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK! STOLE A MILLION DOLLARS IN CASH AND MADE A GETAWAY IN A BUS! THEY WERE BEING PURSUED BY POLICE WHEN THEY FAILED TO MAKE THE DEVIL'S HOOK CURVE AND PLUNGED INTO THE SEA!! GET THAT STORY!!
MY FRIEND SUB-MARINER MAY BE ABLE TO HELP ME ON THIS CASE! I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AT ONCE!
BETTY DEAN LOSES NO TIME CONTACTING SUB-MARINER, AND IN A SHORT WHILE THE MIGHTY SEA PRINCE SWIFTLY NEARS HIS DESTINATION...

YOU SURE GOT HERE FAST, PRINCE NAMOR!
WELL, I THOUGHT IT BEST NOT TO LET THAT MILLION SOAK AT THE OCEAN'S BOTTOM TOO LONG!
LET'S GET GOING!
POLIC
THE TRIO ARRIVES AT THE FATAL CURVE AND...
WE'LL LOWER A ROPE TO PULL THE MONEY BAGS UP WITH, AS SOON AS YOU FIND THE BUS, SUB-MARINER!
OKAY! BE UP IN A JIFFY!
POLICE
AFTER A SWIFT THOROUGH SEARCH.
THIS IS ONE ROUGH SEA BOTTOM! A DIVER WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE DOWN HERE, AND THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF THE BUS!
LATER AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS..
NOT A SIGN OF IT, EH? IT PROBABLY TURNED INTO A SUB-MARINE AND MADE A GETAWAY! HA HA HA!
THAT'S NOT AS FUNNY AS IT SOUNDS AND IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE!
BETTY, I FEEL SURE THAT GANG WILL STRIKE IN THIS CITY AGAIN. IT'S TOO IDEAL A SET-UP FOR THEM NOT TO TRY ANOTHER HOLD-UP! I'M GOING TO STICK AROUND!
SWELL! IF YOU SOLVE THIS CASE I'LL GET A GOOD STORY FOR MY PAPER!
The NEXT DAY IN THE SECRET HIDE OUT OF BARON AARONI...
THE PLAN OF ATTACK ON ROBBING THE CENTRAL SAVINGS BANK IS COMPLETED! AND REMEMBER, KILL EVERYONE IN SIGHT, AS THIS ASSURES LEAVING NO CLUE TO YOUR IDENTITY!

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LATER....
Dr
ACME VAN CO.
ANY DISTANCE ANY TIME
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WE'RE SURE IN A STREAMLINED AGE! LOOK AT THAT VAN!
IT'S A BEAUT, ALL RIGHT! LET'S TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK, NAMOR!
BUT WITHIN THE VAN...
CENTRAL SAVINGS BANK
OKAY, BOYS! GET IN THERE AND SEE HOW FAST YOU CAN DO YOUR STUFF!
DIS IS A POIFECT SETUP! DA BOSS SURE IS BRAINY!
SAVINGS BANK
TELLER
TELLER
TELL
THE BANK'S BURGLAR ALARM INSTANTLY SIGNALS AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS!
...CALLING ALL CARS! SURROUND CORNER OF CENTRAL SAVINGS BANK! HOLDUP AND KILLING! CALLING ALL CARS!
SUB-MARINER HEARS THE POLICE SIRENS AND.....
SOMETHING'S UP! SOUNDS LIKE ALL THE POLICE CARS IN THE CITY ARE GOING INTO ACTION. TIME FOR ME TO GO!
HEY! WAIT FOR ME!

I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THAT VAN! IT'S REALLY A HEAVILY ARMORED TRUCK! THINK I'LL HELP THE BOYS OUT!
CENTRAL SAVINGS BANK
VAN CO.
POLICE
POLIC
ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END!
KNOCKING OFF THEIR OWN MEN, EH? WELL, DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES!
THAT FINISHES 'EM! LET'S SCRAM! KEEP TRYING TO GET SUB-MARINER!
BANG
BANG!
BANG!
LONG BANG!
WOW! THE WHEELS ARE RETRACTING AND TREADS ARE BEING LOWERED! THE VAN IS BECOMING A TANK!
ACME VAN CO. ANY DISTANCE ANY TIME
ACME VAN CO. ANY DISTANCE ANY TIME
THOSE POLICE CARS HAVEN'T A CHANCE!

THE AMAZING MECHANICAL DEVICE RESUMES ITS COURSE AT GREATER SPEED AND.....
A FIENDISHLY CLEVER MIND IS BACK OF THIS GANG! I MUST RISK THEIR BULLETS AND GIVE CHASE!
I'VE LOWERED THE WHEELS AGAIN, BOSS!
GOOD! NOW DROP THE BOMB! THAT'LL BROIL THE FISH MAN!
ACME VAN CO
GAS
BOOM!
IN A FEW MINUTES...
THAT'LL BRING HIM TO! GOOD THING YOU POLICE PACK A WATER CANTEEN!
OOOHH!! MY HEAD!
CAN'T STAY AND KEEP YOU COMPANY NOW! GOT THINGS TO DO!
WOW! A LITTLE WATER WORKS LIKE MAGIC ON HIM!
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THEIR TRACKS LEAD RIGHT OFF HERE AND INTO THE SEA AGAIN!
ONLY THIS TIME THEY'RE NOT SO FAR AHEAD! I CAN TRAIL THEIR COURSE!
NOT FAR IN THE LEAD.
ENGINE ROOM POWERING THE WHOLE AS A SUB, TANK, OR VEHICLE.
CONCEALED CATERPILLAR TRACKS AND AUTOMOTIVE WHEELS ON ONE SIDE ONLY CAN BE INSTANTLY PUT INTO EFFECT BY OPERATOR.
A SHORT WHILE OF SWIMMING AT TOP SPEED......
OH, OH! IT'S ENTERING THROUGH THOSE CAMOUFLAGED GATES! IF MY BEARINGS ARE CORRECT THIS HIDEOUT MUST BE CASTLE ISLAND!
THE SUB-VAN IS ELEVATED INTO THE HIDEOUT AND...
WE DID VERY WELL IN SPITE OF SUB-MARINER'S INTERRUPTION! IT'S GETTING DARK ENOUGH NOW TO SLIP YOU BOYS BACK TO THE MAINLAND!

SUDDENLY!
...AND TO THE GALLOWS!
SUB-MARINER!
YOUR RACKET IS FINISHED, AARONI!
GET HIM, YOU FOOLS! STOP HIM!
FIRST I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE SMALL FRY!
BAH! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
SUB-MARINER QUICKLY SUBDUES THE MOB! THEN....
THERE HE GOES INTO THE CASTLE! BETTER BE READY FOR SOME OF HIS TRICKS WHEN I ENTER!
LOCKED DOORS DO NOT REFUGE GIVE YOU, AARONI! OPEN, SESAME!

BUT THE CUNNING AARONI HAS PLANNED MANY PRECAUTIONS AND ANOTHER SECOND FINDS SUB-MARINER SLAPPED INTO OBLIVION BY THE ROCK FLOOR OF A DEEP DUNGEON ROOM!
THE EFFECT OF HIS FALL REMAINS FOR SHORT SECONDS, AND AS HE WEARILY COMES TO...
OOPS! THE FATES ARE WITH ME! ANOTHER SECOND AND I'D HAVE BEEN DONE FOR!
I'VE BEEN SAVING THIS FOR YOU, AARONI!
AS SUB-MARINER LEAVES THE DUNGEON....
HMM... WONDER WHY HE LOCKED THIS DOOR? NO KEYS ON HIM, SO, HERE GOES!
SUB-MARINER LOCKS THE ENTIRE GANG IN A CELL AND THEN RADIOS SHORE PATROL POLICE......
NO, CHIEF, I HAVEN'T FOUND THE LOOT YET! AARONI WON'T TALK! I'LL BE LOOKING FOR IT WHILE YOU ARE COMING OUT!
WE'LL BE OUT THERE AS FAST AS WE CAN. S'LONG!

A SHORT WHILE LATER....
HERE'S AARONI'S PLACE! LET'S SIGNAL SUB-MARINER!
SHORE POLICE
THERE'S THE POLICE SIREN! BETTER GET OUT ON THE DOCK AND MEET THEM!
BETTY! YOU ARE A SURPRISE!
HAD TO COME ALONG AS USUAL, PRINCE NAMOR! GOT TO HAVE STUFF FOR MY PAPER YOU KNOW!
GLAD YOU CAME, BETTY! YOU CAN HELP ME IN A TREASURE HUNT!
THAT BUNCH OF KILLERS IS LOCKED UP IN THAT BLOCK HOUSE, CAPTAIN!
GOOD WORK, SUB-MARINER! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM!
AFTER SEARCHING ALL POSSIBLE HIDING PLACES.
IF THAT AARONI WOULD TALK, WE'D BE SAVED ALL THIS TROUBLE!
BUT HE WON'T! ALL THE POLICE GET OUT OF HIM IS MUMBLES AND GROANS! HE SOUNDS LIKE HE IS FAKING INSANITY! HEY! WHAT'S THAT?
HELP! OH! HEY!
WHY, IT'S AN OLD MAN! WHO ARE YOU?
THANK GOODNESS I'M FREE AT LAST! I HEARD THE COMMOTION AND SCREAMED!
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I AM AARONI'S BROTHER, JULIUS. THIS ISLAND IS LEGALLY MINE! GUSTAF HAS KEPT ME IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN THIS DARK DUNGEON CELL FOR TEN YEARS SO HE COULD OPERATE HIS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES FREELY!
SUB-MARINER! HE'S LYING!
THAT'LL STOP YOU!
TIME FOR THE SHOWDOWN! JULIUS IS THE KEY TO THE WHOLE MYSTERY!
DON'T BE IN SUCH A HURRY, JULIUS! WE'VE JUST MET!
I'LL KILL YOU, MEDDLER!
NOT TODAY YOU WON'T! I'M NOT IN THE MOOD!

READY TO TALK NOW, JULIUS?
I-I'LL TALK!
TAKE DOWN HIS CONFESSION, BETTY. HE'S IN THE RIGHT MOOD TO SIGN IT!
OKAY, START WARBLING, CHUM!
LATER AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS....
WELL, THIS CONFESSION CERTAINLY CLEARS THE REAL GUSTAF AARONI! BUT HOW DID YOU GET WISE TO JULIUS BEING THE DISGUISED RINGLEADER?
I BEGAN TO SUSPECT SOMETHING WRONG WHEN GUSTAF WOULDN'T GIVE WITH ANY INTELLIGIBLE SPEECH.
AND WHEN WE FOUND JULIUS, HIS SENSES OF SIGHT AND VOICE WERE TOO NORMAL TO HAVE BEEN KEPT IN A CONFINED DARKNESS FOR TEN YEARS!
SO JULIUS MASQUERADED AS HIS BROTHER GUSTAF TO COMMIT CRIME WHILE KEEPING HIM IMPRISONED TO TAKE THE RAP IN CASE HE WAS EVER FOLLOWED!
WHEN I FELL INTO THE CELL, GUSTAF LUNGED AT ME THINKING I WAS AN ENEMY! TEN YEARS OF CONFINEMENT HAD MADE HIM INSANE! JULIUS WILL GET HIS ON THE GALLOWS!
AND I GET A GREAT STORY! THANKS TO YOU, SUB-MARINER!
END

KILLER'S CLAWS

JULES stepped almost into the mouth of the snarling lion and fired the revolver straight down the gullet of his gaping main. It was loaded with blanks but the huge beast shook his head and backed off Dan's prostrate body. Jules stepped over his assistant's body and advanced steadily, gun in one hand, chair in the other.

"Back, Prince, back!" he spoke distinctly, voice steady. "Up on your pedestal, Prince!" The other cats watched indifferently. One even washed his face but, as Jules took note of all these things from the corner of his eye, he realized that at the first sign of weakness or excitement, they'd be on him in a tearing, snarling mass.

"That's the boy, Prince!" Jules voice had a note of commendation. Prince, a magnificent African lion, mounted his perch indifferently almost as though his razor-sharp talons weren't dripping with Danny's blood.

Jules backed into the center of the circu's cage and fired twice in signal to the circus band. The band crashed into the fanfare that always ended the lion-trainer's act and the cats turned and trotted through the long, enclosed runway to their cages.

Jules breathed a sigh of relief and ran to the prostrate Danny. He pulled his head onto his lap just as the doctor and the stretcher arrived from outside the cage. It had been torture to stand there so cooly, knowing that his protegé's blood was soaking into the fresh sawdust on the arena floor.

Danny's eyes flickered open. "Thanks, Jules! I was nearly out when you came at Prince but I lasted until you drove him off!" His eyes closed again and Jules looked fearfully into the grave face of the doctor.

"He'll be all right, Jules," the doctor consoled. "He's lost a lot of blood but he'll be okay. One more slash with those claws and we'd have to scrape the arena to find his stomach!"

Jules stumbled out of the cage, right into the arms of Anne. She put one of his arms over her shoulder and led him out of the tent to the cheers of the wildly yelling crowd. His knees were shaking and limber, the aftermath of the frightful experience.

"Here you are, Jules." He looked up and saw they were at the entrance to his tent. "Do you want me to come in and make you a cup of coffee?"

"No, Anne," he mumbled brokenly, "I want to lie down for a while. I want to close my eyes and forget that murdering beast!" He stumbled in and flung himself down on his cot, clenching his hands desperately. He couldn't forget the sight of that bloody, slashing paw and that gaping mouth.

"How is he?" a passing roustabout inquired. Anne raised her finger to her lips and shook her head. He hadn't been hurt physically but what had happened might last longer than the ripping tears that Danny had across his stomach. Jules was one of the best trainers in the business and he owed it to his fearlessness and daring in the cage. Anne knew because she handled animals herself, a smaller, less dangerous act but dangerous enough to make her know that fear had no place in the cage.

"Up, Prince, up!" It was a week later and Anne's girlish figure looked ridiculous against the background of snarling cats. Prince tensed his hind legs as though for a leap but Anne acted first. She thrust the chair almost into his face and Prince sank back on his haunches.

"Anne, you can't go in there again!" The act was ended and Jules was white and shaking as he confronted the girl. "Prince is going to kill someone before he's finished and I don't want it to be you!" He started his speech with a tone of authority but he ended it almost pleadingly.

"I won't get hurt, Jules," she said kindly. "You handled Prince for a long time 'til Danny was hurt. It was Danny's mistake. He crossed too close to Prince when he was going to his perch. It wasn't your fault at all! When are you coming back in to work with me?"

"I'm not going . . ." he started and then stopped, looking down into Anne's earnest face. "All right! When you're ready for a show I'll be in there with you!"

Jules looked at himself in the mirror. He looked the same but he knew that there was a change. People couldn't see it but something was missing. Tonight was the night Anne had set for her debut and he was scheduled to appear with her. Anne came in as he finished buttoning the gaudy collar.

"Oh, Jules, I'm so excited!" Her eyes were sparkling and she was pretty as a picture in her ring outfit. "I've worked so hard to make this a success!"

"Don't worry, Anne, you can't miss!" Jules said it confidently but his heart twisted in agony at the thought of what might happen. She lacked the experience to handle the cats in a regular performance. They went through practice sessions easily enough but the noise and smell of a crowd excited them, made them irritable.

"Well, let's go!" She grabbed his arm and they entered the big top in time to hear the announcer finish his spiel introducing their act. Jules stopped at the outside of the cage, pale and trembling.

"I can't do it, Anne!" he murmured. "You work it alone, I'll watch from here. The crowd won't know the difference!" Anne gave him a searching glance and then turned and slipped into the cage.

The band blared the signal for the cats to enter and Prince entered the cage. He stopped, magnificent beast, and looked for Jules' familiar figure. Anne gave a sharp order and he turned and took his place on the pedestal in the center of the cage. The other cats followed and the act began.

The act started with Prince, and Anne stepped forward and gave the opening order in Prince's routine. The cat snarled but didn't move. Anne hesitated and looked at Jules. He was pale, sweating, and made no move. She stepped closer and repeated the order, jabbing the chair at the defiant animal. He swept the chair aside effortlessly and jumped down to the arena floor.

Anne thrust the chair at him again and again. Prince swept it aside with one massive paw. He snarled, crouching in the sawdust. Jules watched in horror, then, wrenching open the door to the cage, was beside Anne, taking the chair from her nerveless hand.

"Back, you black devil!" There was a savage authority about him. Prince snarled and brushed at the chair. Jules advanced and Prince snarled again, *but* he retreated. Jules worked him steadily nearer his perch until he was crowded against it.

"Now, Prince, *up!"* The animal snarled again, then scrambled up on the narrow platform. Jules snapped out the command that Anne had given previously and Prince went through his paces without hesitation. He backed to the center of the arena and, one by one, the other cats followed his orders. He was the Jules of old as he bowed to the thundering applause at the finish of the act. He led Anne from the cage.

"Oh, Jules, you were wonderful!" she sobbed. He had been, but oh so slow in entering the cage. She had deliberately inflamed Prince, knowing that Jules would come in in time to save her. But the pretended fear had become real before he had taken over. "Jules, you saved my life!" She sobbed again, knowing that she meant it.

The End

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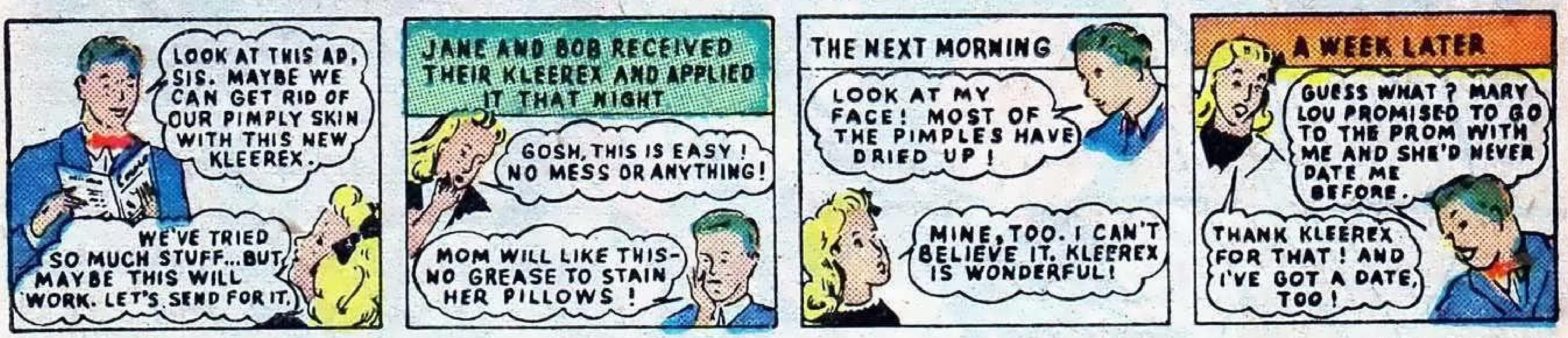
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LOOK AT MY FACE! MOST OF THE PIMPLES HAVE DRIED UP!
MINE, TOO. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. KLEEREX IS WONDERFUL!
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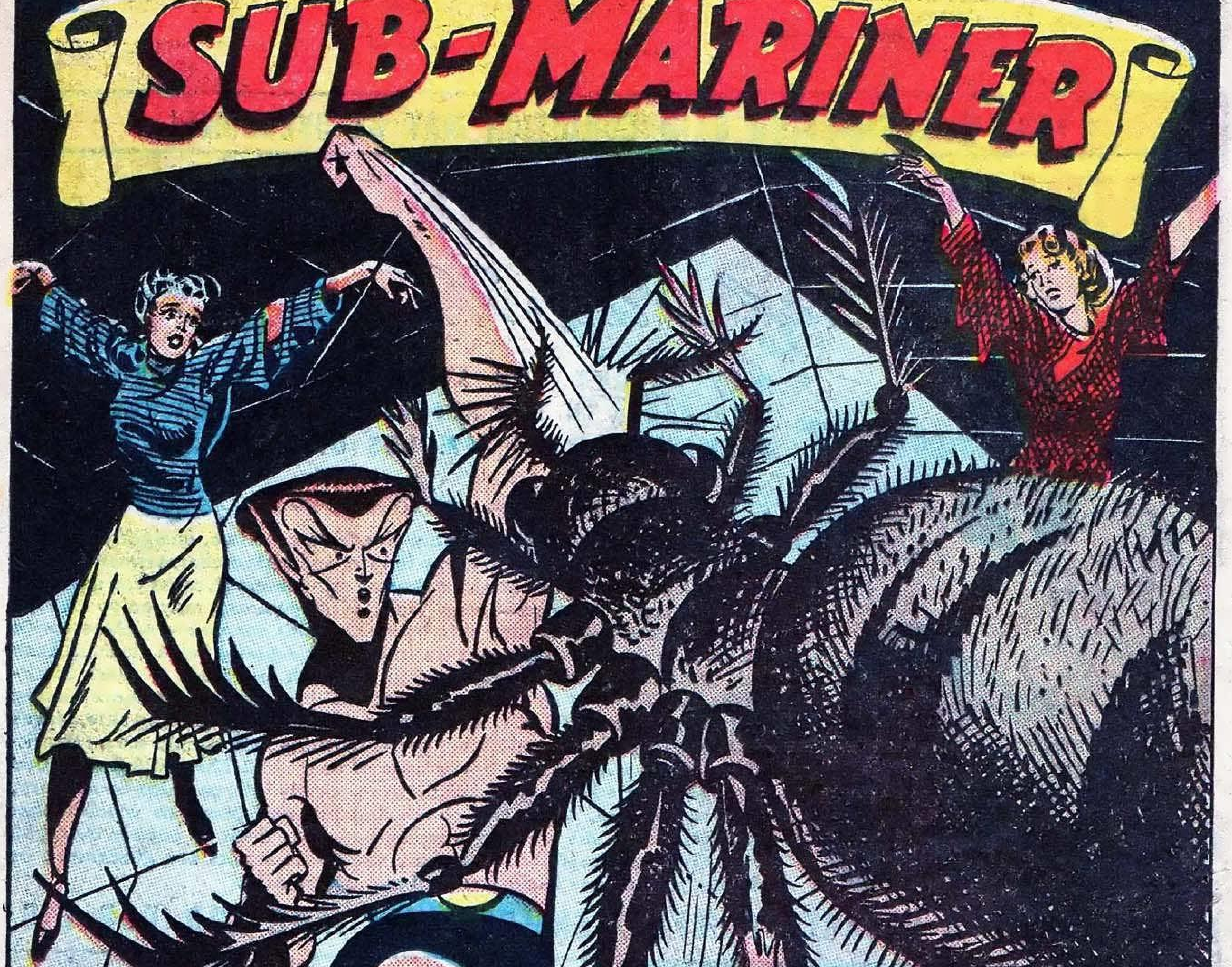

A MONSTER SPIDER STALKS ITS PREY-ENMESHING BEAUTY IN ITS HORROR WEB! A PATTERN OF MURDER WITH INTRICATE THREADS LEAVES NO LOOSE THREADS IN THIS BAFFLING MYSTERY—UNTIL THAT DARING DYNAMO—SUBMARINER UNCOVERS A WEIRD BUT MEANINGFUL PLAN AS HE PITS HIMSELF AGAINST A FIENDISH FOE, IN THIS CHALLENGING CASE OF

"The WEB of PAIN!"

LONG BEACH - CALIFORNIA.
HAVE FUN AT THE PARTY TONIGHT, DIANA. YOU LOOK STUNNING. YOU OUGHT TO BE IN THE MOVIES!
I WILL BE SOON ... I WILL..
AS THE BEAUTEOUS AMBITIOUS DIANA LEAVES HER HOME...
A HUGE SPIDER! IT-IT'S COMING AFTER ME!
GET AWAY! HELP!
SWIFTLY THE SPIDER WEAVES ITS SINUOUS WEB.. AND MINUTES AFTER....
SAINTS ALIVE! POLICE!
LATER-
EXTRY! EXTRY!!
EXTRA
LOVELY MODEL FOUND STRANGLED TO DEAT IN WEIRD SPIDER WE
PASSERBY GLIMPSED GIGANTIC SPIDER DISAPPEARING FROM MURDER SCENE.
WITHIN MERE HOURS THE SPIDER STRIKES AGAIN...
GASP! -
CHOKE!

A MIGHTY FIGURE SWIMS WITH CYCLONIC SPEED FROM NEW YORK TO CALIFORNIA!
LAST NIGHT BEAUTIFUL ALICE HALL BECAME THE SPIDER'S THIRD VICTIM... I'VE GOT TO TRY TO RUN IT DOWN
HERE'S THE SCENE OF THE FIRST KILLING. MAYBE I CAN GET SOME ... SAY, THERE'S BETTY.
I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN OUR DEMON GAL REPORTER WOULDN'T MISS THIS!
MY PAPER WANTS A BIG SUNDAY SPREAD ON THE MURDERS I'M STARTING IN AT THE FIRST CRIME SITE ANY IDEAS?
ALL THE STRANGLED GIRLS WERE BEAUTIFUL MODELS... ANYTHING ELSE THEY HAD IN COMMON?
THEY WERE ALL REGISTERED WITH THE FASHION-RITE MODEL AGENCY... LET'S DROP UP THERE
SOON — AT FASHION-RITE...
I DON'T KNOW ANY MORE BUT THAT THOSE GIRLS HAD REGISTERED HERE SEPARATELY IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF REGISTRANTS I'LL SHOW YOU THE FILES
RIGHT THIS WAY, PLEASE THOSE POOR GIRLS. THE VERY LOVLIEST STRIKING DIANA, AND IRENE, LIKE AN ANGEL, AND ALICE -
BETTY!
3.

SOMETHING'S JUST HIT ME! THE FIRST GIRL KILLED WAS DIANA-AND THE FIRST INITIAL OF EACH NAME SEEMS TO BE SPELLING OUT DIANA!
GOLLY, IF THAT'S MORE THAN COINCIDENCE, THE NAME OF THE NEXT MURDER VICTIM BEGINS WITH "N"!
WE MUST KNOW THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A MODEL BEGINNING WITH "N"!
BUT WE HAVE THOSE BY THE SCORE.
BUT WHO IS THE PRETTIEST?
THIS ONE.
THANKS! I'M GOING FOR A SWIM!
NIDA KENNEDY
7 OCEAN ROAD
SANTA MONICA
IN AMAZING TIME.
THAT MUST BE THE PLACE....IF NIDA IS ON THE SPOT, I'VE GOT TO SAVE HER!
DOOR WAS OPEN... IS ANYBODY.... SHIMMERING SHADOWS!
THE SPIDER!
WE MEET!
4.

AND NOW—TO END THIS......
BUT ALREADY THE WEB HAS BEGUN ITS TWISTING PATTERN. AND MINUTES LATER......
THIS NETWORK FEELS SILKY BUT IT'S STRONG AS STEEL! THE SPIDER'S GONE! THE GIRL!
A SPRINT TO THE NEXT ROOM...
TOO LATE!
THAT GRISLY KILLER'S MADE A CLEAN GETAWAY! I'LL NOTIFY THE POLICE. THEN TO THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE. SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO CHECK ON!
LATER...
I'M GLAD I WAS HERE WHEN YOU CAME IN, NAMOR.
SINCE THAT "DIANA" HUNCH WAS CORRECT, LET'S CHECK BACK-NEWS FILES ABOUT THAT NAME!

HERE'S SOMETHING-
1936
LOLITA DALE, BEAUTIFUL MODEL, WILL MARRY WEALTHY TOM HENDRICKS OF CATALINA. MISS DALE IS FAMED AS THE MODEL WHO POSED FOR THE RENOWNED GODDESS "DIANA" PAINTING...
-THE JOHN J. SILVER C
NEWLYWED COUPLE WILL LIVE AT THE HENDRICKS' ESTATE... MARSHET ROAD..
A COMING OUT PARTY WILL BE GIVEN IN HONOR OF MISS SMYTHE AT DURWIN
"DIANA".... BEAUTIFUL MODEL... I'M GOING TO LOOK HER UP... HOPE THE HENDRICKS STILL LIVE IN CATALINA! IT'S JUST A SNAPPY SWIM OVER!
SOON...
THIS SHOULD BE IT!
YES, SIR... THIS IS THE HENDRICKS ESTATE, BUT IT **AIN'T** THE HENDRICKS **HOME**! YOU SEE, TOM HENDRICKS LOST IT 10 YEARS AGO WHEN HE WENT BROKE. HE AND THE MISSUS BROKE UP TOO.. DON'T KNOW WHERE **SHE** IS, BUT HE'S LIVING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND-- DORSET GROVE. LIVES LIKE A HERMIT!
THIS IS ONE DAY HE'S GOING TO HAVE COMPANY!
IT'S AN OLD GREY HOUSE WITH GREEN SHUTTERS! CAN'T MISS IT!
AT TOM HENDRICKS'...
IT'S DONE. BUT POOR CAESAR WAS KNOCKED AROUND A BIT BY A STRONG-MAN IN SWIM TRUNKS. I'LL USE AMBROSE FOR THE NEXT..
SOUNDS LIKE SUB-MARINER. YOU GOT HIM OFF THE TRAIL?
6.

YES, CAESAR FIXED HIM.. HE'S IN THE BACK OF THE TRUCK WAITING FOR ME. WE'LL COME RIGHT OVER.
WE'LL MEET YOU THERE.
ONE MORE—AND MY WORK IS...OH, IT'S SUBMARINER. HOW DID HE FIND ME? I MUST BE CAREFUL...
TOM HENDRICKS! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR ER-- WIFE... WHERE IS SHE?
I DON'T KNOW... HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN YEARS..WHY?
JUST A LITTLE MURDER INVESTIGATION. WHAT'S IN THAT BIG BOX?
OH— THAT'S...
SUDDENLY!
SOMETHING YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO SEE!
BANG!
SUBMARINER DROPS, TUMBLING HELPLESSLY INTO THE PIT!
HE'S DEAD! I'LL COVER THE PIT WHEN I GET BACK.

SHORT MINUTES AFTER-
PICKING OUT THIS ABANDONED BUILDING WAS A WISE MOVE. IT'S SUCH AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO DEVELOP MY SPIDERS...
AMBROSE, I'VE BROUGHT CAESAR. HE'S IN THIS BOX. MY, AMBROSE, YOU DO LOOK BIG AND HEALTHY! BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT'S ME, HOGY... I WAS TRYING ON THE SPIDER OUTFIT FOR SOME LAUGHS. BUT DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO CALL THESE COSTUMES BY NAME LIKE THEY WERE LIVING SPIDERS?
THEY **ARE** LIVING. THE MATERIALS FEEL LIKE SKIN-AND THE WAY THE WEB SPINS, A LIVING SPIDER COULDN'T DO BETTER. I'VE GOT SOME GOOD NEWS-SUBMARINER CAME TO MY HOUSE. I SHOT HIM TO DEATH!
BUT....IN A CYCLONIC SECOND...
YOUR SHOTS MISSED ME, HENDRICKS. I PRETENDED TO BE DEAD, AND FOLLOWED YOU HERE!
UGH!

WHAT'S THIS SET-UP? TALK AND TALK FAST OR I'LL POUND YOU TO PULP!
BUT THE NEXT MOMENT—
UGH!
MAGGIE! YOU BEAUTIFUL DOLL!
CUT THE PET NAME AND GET BUSY ON THE FISH MAN. WE'LL GIVE HIM A DOUBLE STRENGTH SPIDER WEB!
WHEN THE SEA PRINCE REVIVES—
OHH... LOST MY STRENGTH!
THAT WEB'S STEEL-STRONG. YOU CAN'T BREAK IT!
IT'S THE BEST WEB I'VE EVER GIVEN THE SPIDERS.
YOU CONCOCTED THE SPIDER OUTFIT, EH, HENDRICKS?
YES---THE BOX HOLDING THE WEB IS UNDER THE RIGHT SHOULDER OF THE SPIDER COSTUME. I PRESS A BUTTON THAT RELEASES A WEB—ENSNARING THOSE BEAUTIFUL MODELS..
...LIKE MY "DIANA" ENSNARED ME! SHE SPENT ALL MY MONEY, THEN LEFT ME. THOSE BEAUTIFUL MODELS I TRAPPED IN MY WEB ARE MY REVENGE ON HER!
A MAD REVENGE! BUT HOW DO HOGY AND MAGGIE FIGURE IN THIS?

THEY HELPED ME! THEY GAVE ME MY "DIANA" PLAN. THEY'RE MY FRIENDS.
THAT'S RIGHT. NOW GET READY, HENDRICKS. THE SPIDER MUST STRIKE NEXT AT ADRIENNE MARCO! SHE'S AT 313 DOHENY...
AFTER HENDRICKS HAS GONE—
AND THEN WE BUMP OFF HENDRICKS. MAKE IT LOOK LIKE SUICIDE, LEAVING A NOTE FROM HIM CONFESSING TO THE MURDERS. BUT WHAT ABOUT WHALEBONES?
WE'LL TORTURE HIM... DEATH BY GAS! BRING IN THE HEATER!
SECONDS AFTER THE SINISTER DUO LEAVES—
GAS IS ESCAPING FROM THAT HEATER PRETTY FAST... IF I COULD ONLY STAVE IT OFF, LET ALONE GET OUT OF THIS WEB... IF.. ONLY... SOME.. WAY.
AS NAMOR LOOKS ANXIOUSLY ABOUT— INSPIRATION!
THAT HEATER'S THE COMBUSTIBLE KIND, FLAME IN ONE COMPARTMENT, GAS IN THE OTHER... IF I CAN OVERTURN IT... HMM, THAT CORD MAY BE THE ANSWER...
SUBMARINER STRAINS TOWARD THE CORD— AND STRONG TEETH GRIP!
NOW TO SLIP THE CORD THROUGH MY TEETH SO THIS HEAVY PIECE IS AT THE END!
THEN WITH HIS LAST RESERVE OF STRENGTH—
AS THE WEIGHT HITS THE HEATER—
BOOM!

WHEN THE BLAST CLEARS...
AT LEAST I CAN BREATHE FRESH AIR NOW.. OH, OH, SOMEONE'S COMING!
NAMOR! AM I GLAD WE WERE NEAR BY! NOT HEARING FROM YOU, I DECIDED TO COME TO CATALINA!
AND WE HEARD THE BLAST AND INVESTIGATED.
LUCKY FOR ME... NOW HOW ABOUT SOME WATER?
AT YOUR SERVICE!
THAT SURE DOES BRING BACK YOUR STRENGTH!
LIKE NOTHING ELSE, AND I HOPE TO BRING BACK A MURDERER! IN FACT A GANG OF THEM!
A SHORT TIME AFTER, A SINISTER BLACK SHAPE PADS TOWARDS A GUILELESS GIRL!
OH!
BUT, SUDDENLY-
GOT HERE JUST IN TIME. AND I KNOW WHERE TO HIT HENDRICKS. THERE... THAT SMASHES THE WEB BOX!
NOW TALK! WHERE ARE MAGGIE AND HOGY?
I DON'T KNOW.. I DID OVERHEAR THEM TALK ABOUT A STUDIO ONCE. THEY SAID... A.. A... SUPER STUDIO..

SUPER-STUDIO IS THE PLACE THAT PROMISED TO GET ME A MOVIE JOB! I PAID THEM OVER $ 1000 FOR PICTURES THEY TOOK OF ME---AND SPECIAL EXPENSES!
SOUNDS LIKE A RACKET! I'LL TIE HENDRICKS UP, AND YOU CALL THE POLICE, ADRIENNE.
NOT MUCH LATER-
O.K... NOW THAT WE DIVVIED THE DOUGH... LET'S GET OVER TO THAT NUT HENDRICKS' AND FINISH HIM...
BUT SUDDENLY-
I'LL FINISH **YOU**, KILLERS! O.K, BOYS.... THEY'RE ALL YOURS NOW!
ULP!
10
LATER—AT HEADQUARTERS.
YOU STOLE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FROM BEAUTIFUL GIRLS ON FORGED CREDENTIALS AND PROMISES. EACH GIRL WAS TO KEEP THE TRANSACTIONS CONFIDENTIAL... RIGHT?
YES... BUT THE DEADLINES WERE NEARING AND WE COULDN'T KEEP THEM QUIET!
AND KNOWING HENDRICKS' MAD CRAVING TO KILL....
YOU ENCOURAGED HIM. THE "DIANA" PLAN FIT PERFECTLY 'CAUSE YOUR INTENDED VICTIMS' INITIALS SPELLED OUT THAT NAME! BUT- HOW DID YOU KNOW HENDRICKS HAD A KILL-CRAZE?
BECAUSE I AM TOM'S EX-WIFE- THAT "DIANA"! I BECAME ILL! MY BEAUTY FADED...I NEEDED MONEY.....
HEE, HEE! **YOU** "DIANA"? I AM REVENGED! YOU'LL SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS ME!
FATE **DOES** PLAY STRANGE TRICKS!
THE END.

THE ANGEL
MEET MEPHISTO... THE DEVIL'S OWN! A PART PLAYED TOO LONG... UNTIL THE VERY VIOLENCE OF THE CHARACTER BECAME IMBUED IN THE TEMPERAMENT OF THE PERFORMER, AND THE ROLE HE ENACTED BECAME REAL! BUT WHEN HE DRAGGED THE ANGEL TO THE STYGIAN PITS WITH HIM, HE FOUND ONE SATAN'S HELPER WHO IS WILLING TO
"GIVE THE DEVIL HIS DUE!"
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THE OPERA IS OVER... BUT ONLY FOR THE AUDIENCE! IN THE WINGS OF THE THEATER ANOTHER DRAMA TAKES PLACE...
I'LL TEACH YOU AND MARGUERITA TO STEAL SCENES FROM ME ON STAGE! I'LL KILL YOU FOR IT!
NO, MEPHISTO... DON'T! IT WAS ONLY A GAG... STOP... HELP!
IT'S MEPHISTO... HE'S AT IT AGAIN! DROP THAT WRENCH!
STAY BACK! I'LL TEACH HIM NOT TO ENCROACH UPON MY RIGHTS! NO ONE CAN DO THAT TO ME... MEPHISTO!
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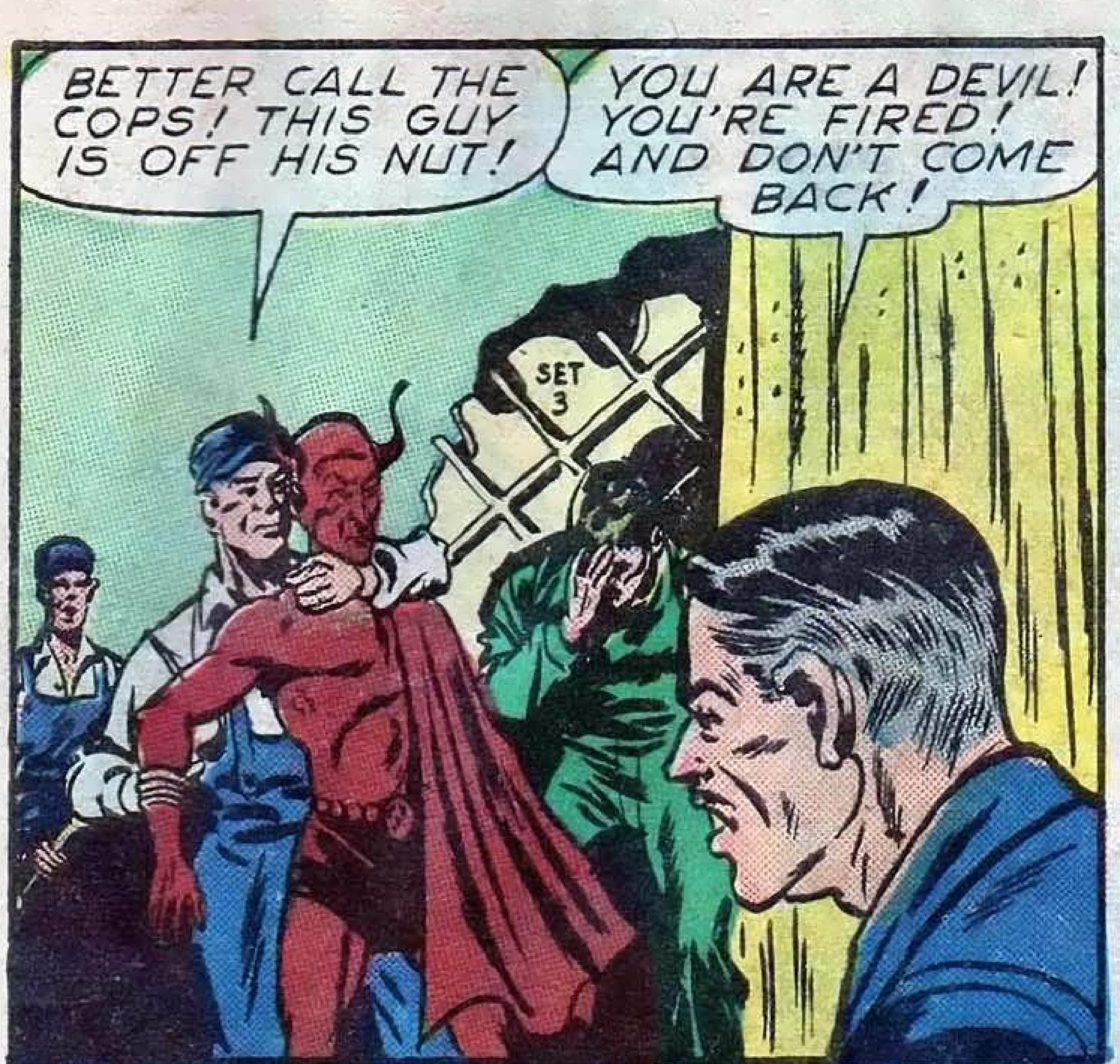
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YOU ARE A DEVIL! YOU'RE FIRED! AND DON'T COME BACK!
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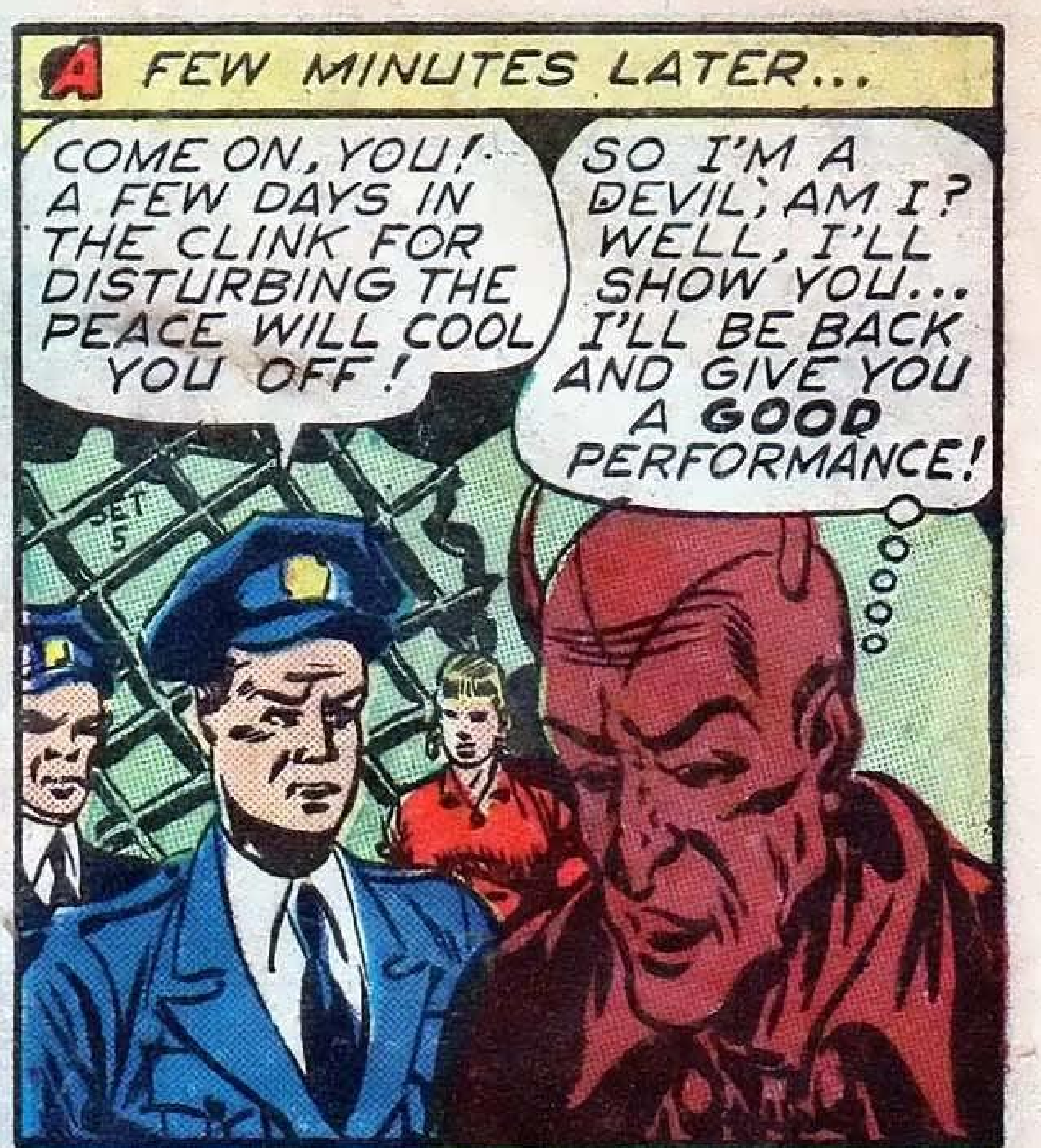
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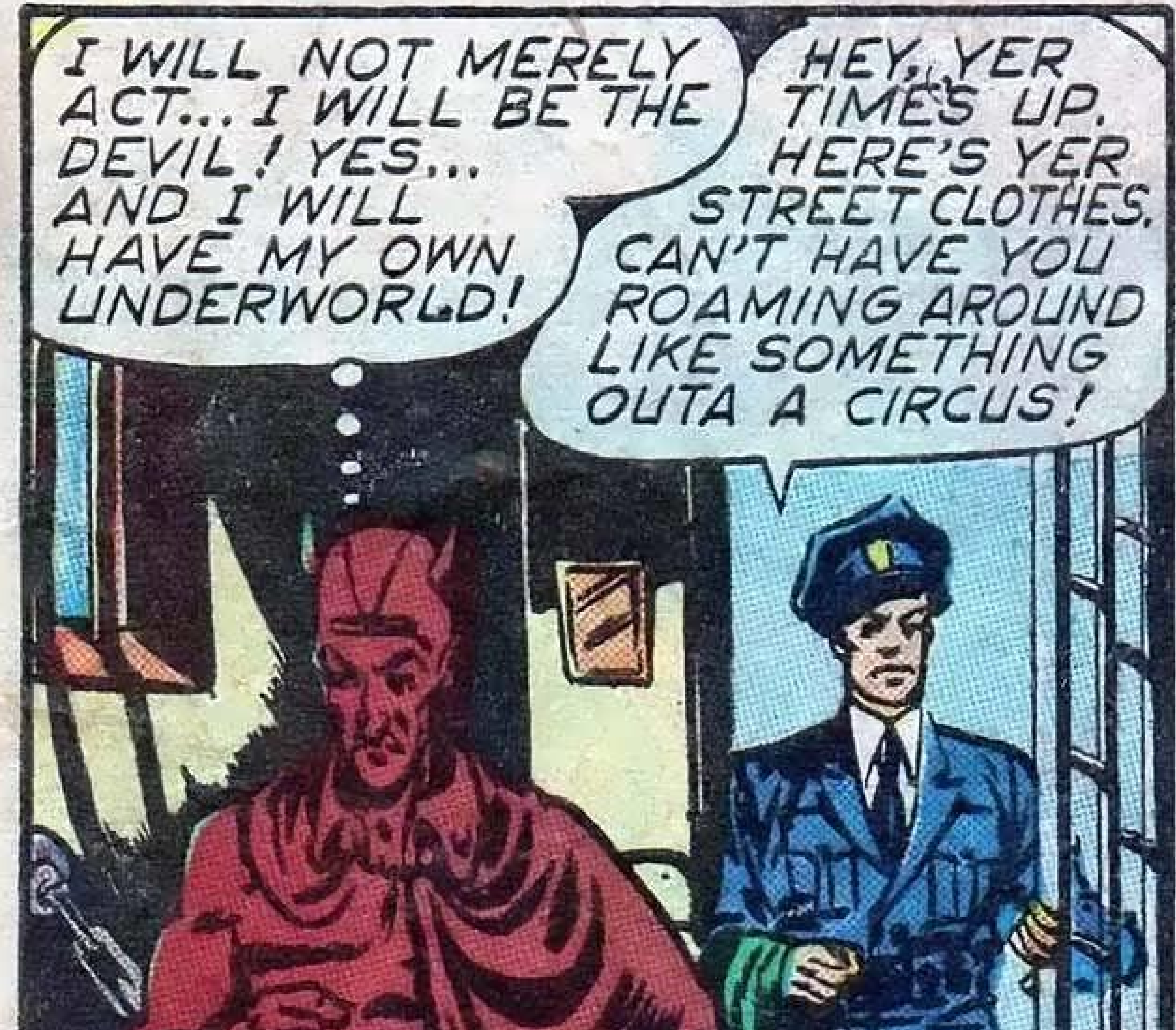
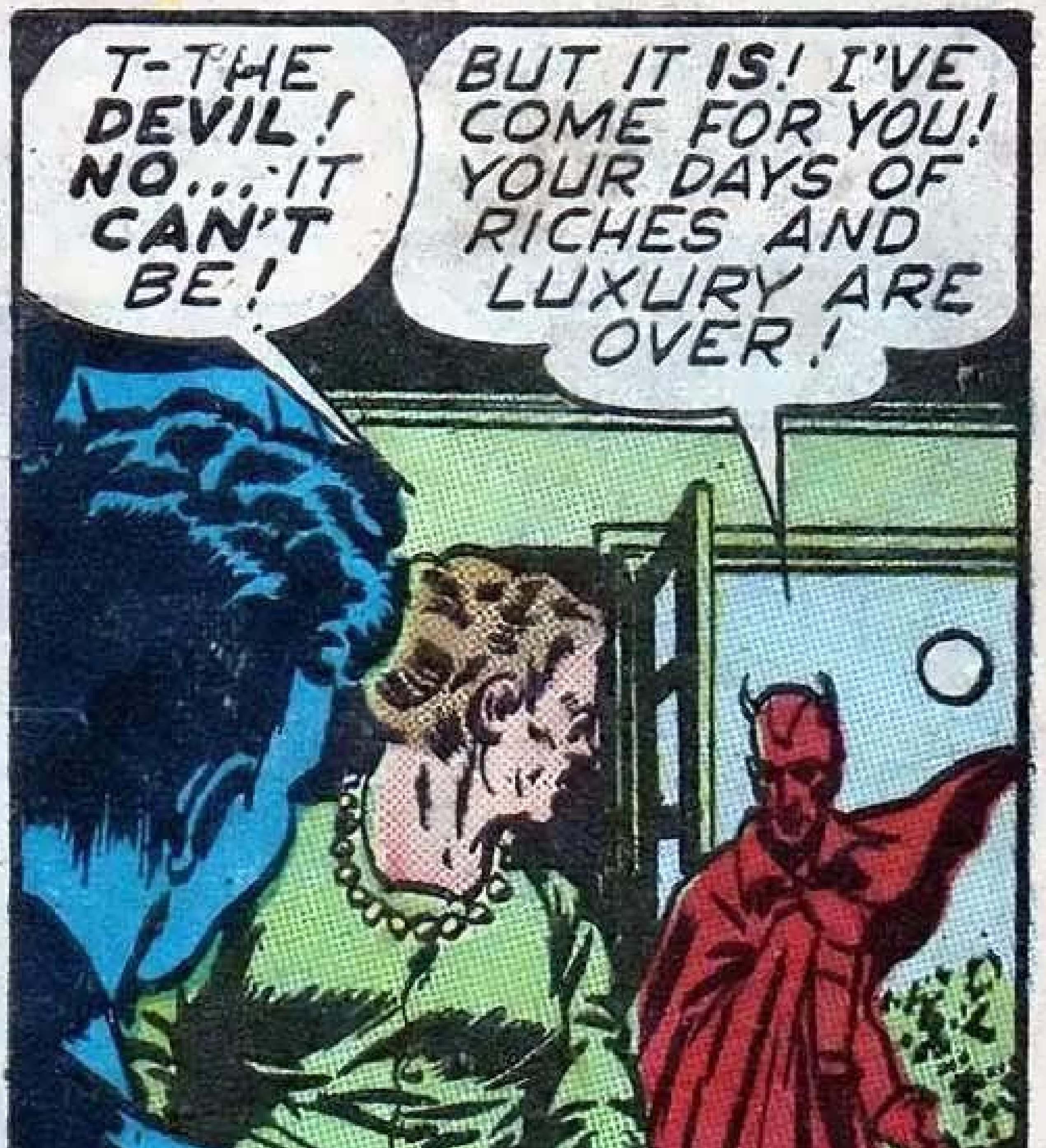
COME ON, YOU! A FEW DAYS IN THE CLINK FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE WILL COOL YOU OFF!
SO I'M A DEVIL, AM I? WELL, I'LL SHOW YOU... I'LL BE BACK AND GIVE YOU A **GOOD** PERFORMANCE!
SET 5

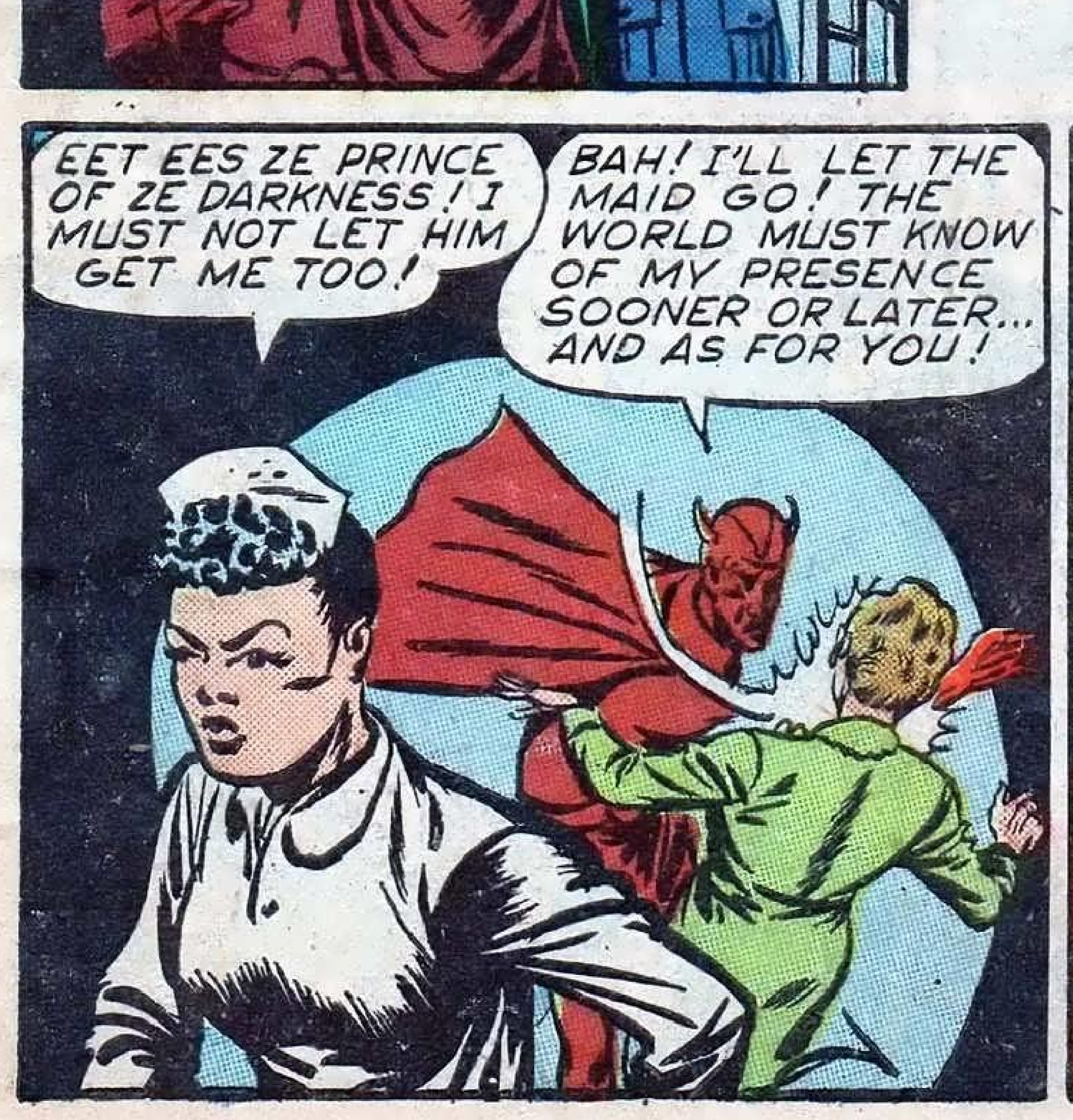
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

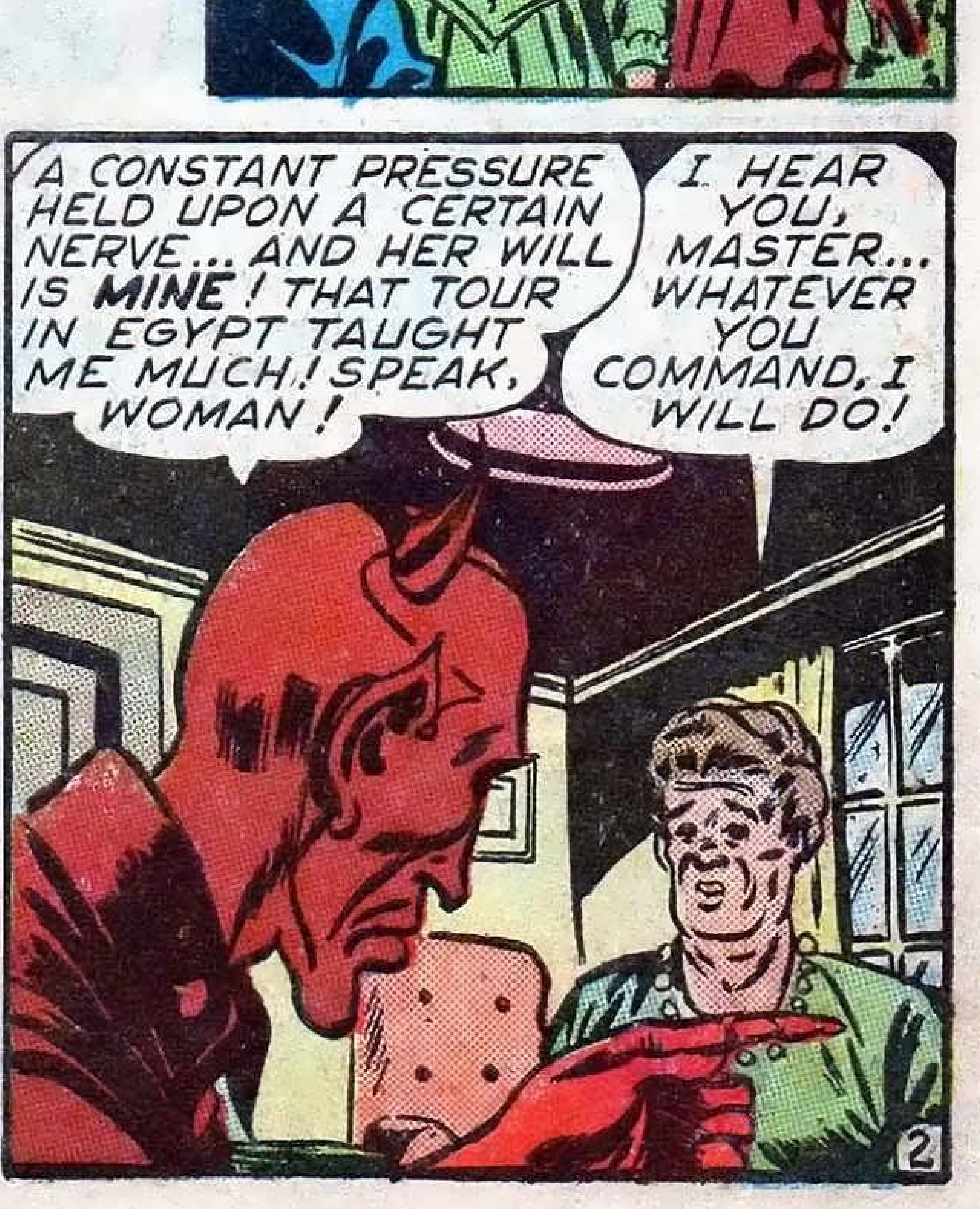

I WILL NOT MERELY ACT... I WILL BE THE DEVIL! YES... AND I WILL HAVE MY OWN UNDERWORLD!
HEY, YER TIME'S UP. HERE'S YER STREET CLOTHES. CAN'T HAVE YOU ROAMING AROUND LIKE SOMETHING OUTA A CIRCUS!

SO BEGINS THE CAREER OF... **THE DEVIL**! BUT SO SECRETIVE ARE HIS NIGHTLY MISSIONS, THAT ONLY THE MISSING PERSONS BUREAU IS AWARE OF A SUBTLE, SINISTER ACTIVITY AT WORK...

THEN, ONE NIGHT...


T-THE **DEVIL**! **NO**... IT **CAN'T** BE!
BUT IT **IS**! I'VE COME FOR YOU! YOUR DAYS OF RICHES AND LUXURY ARE OVER!


EET EES ZE PRINCE OF ZE DARKNESS! I MUST NOT LET HIM GET ME TOO!
BAH! I'LL LET THE MAID GO! THE WORLD MUST KNOW OF MY PRESENCE SOONER OR LATER... AND AS FOR YOU!


A CONSTANT PRESSURE HELD UPON A CERTAIN NERVE... AND HER WILL IS **MINE**! THAT TOUR IN EGYPT TAUGHT ME MUCH! SPEAK, WOMAN!
I HEAR YOU, MASTER... WHATEVER YOU COMMAND, I WILL DO!

LATER, IN THE DEVIL'S SANCTUARY... THE CELLAR OF HIS MANSION...
TAKE YOUR PLACE AMONG THEM! ALL OF YOU, DOING THE OPPOSITE OF YOUR LIFE ON EARTH! THE RICH ARE POOR... HA! HA!
BUT BEFORE I CLIMAX MY TRIUMPH, I MUST RID MYSELF OF MY GREATEST MENANCE... THE **ANGEL**! YES... I WILL BRING HIM HERE TO BE MY HELPER! THE ANGEL AS A SERVANT OF THE DEVIL!
MEANWHILE, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
EET EES TRUE! EVERY WORD OF EET!
KIDNAPPED BY THE DEVIL? THAT SOUNDS FANTASTIC!
JUST A SECOND, CAPTAIN!
LISTEN, ANGEL, YOU MAY KNOW YOUR STUFF, BUT THIS STORY...
SOMETHING HAS TO BE THE CAUSE OF ALL THOSE UNEXPLAINED DISAPPEARANCES! THIS MIGHT BE IT!
SUDDENLY!
POLICE... HELP ME... IT'S THE DEVIL! HE'S AFTER ME!
WHAT TH.... ANOTHER ONE YELLING ABOUT THE DEVIL!
I SAW HIM... ALL DRESSED IN RED! HORRIBLE! I DEMAND PROTECTION!
COME ON, I'LL SEE YOU HOME SAFELY!

THERE'S MY HOUSE... I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THIS!
I'LL LEAVE YOU AT YOUR DOOR. YOU'LL BE SAFE THEN!
BUT, AS THEY MOUNT THE PORCH STEPS...
THERE... YOU WENT JUST A FEW FEET TOO FAR, ANGEL!
UGH!
IT IS DONE! NOW HE WILL TRULY BECOME THE DEVIL'S HELPER!
OOOH! NECK... CAN'T FEEL...
AND IN A FEW MINUTES...
MEET YOUR NEW TASKMASTER! WHIP THEM, HELPER... MAKE THEM WORK!
YES... YES, MASTER! TO WORK, ALL OF YOU!
A SHORT WHILE LATER, IN THE DEVIL'S STUDY...
NOW I WILL HAVE MY GREATEST REVENGE... ON YOU, MARGUERITA, FOR TREATING ME LIKE A FOOL! TONIGHT, AT THE OPERA, YOU WILL HAVE A REAL MEPHISTO CALLING FOR YOU... AFTER I ELIMINATE THE OTHER!
BUT EVEN AFTER THE DEVIL LEAVES, THE BIZARRE SHOW BELOW GOES ON!
YOU ARE TOO SLOW! THIS WILL HURRY YOU UP!
NO... MORE! I... FALL!
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AS THE TIMBER FALLS, IT BRUSHES LOOSE THE NERVE-BINDING TAPE!
MY NECK... FEELS FUNNY!
CRASH!
NOW I REMEMBER... THE TAPE... AND ALL THIS! HEY, YOU!
YES, DEVIL'S HELPER... I WORK... HARDER... HARDER!
NOW I SEE HOW ALL THIS WAS DONE. HERE, THIS IS ALL THERE IS TO IT! DO THE SAME TO THE OTHERS! I HAVE TO RUN DOWN THE DEVIL!
WHA..? YES, I KNOW NOW. I'LL DO THE REST!
THE ANGEL GOES INTO ACTION!
HE ISN'T HERE! NO TELLING WHERE HE WENT! I'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE HOUSE FIRST!
WHAT'S THIS? A TORN PICTURE AND A POSTER OF THE CURRENT OPERA!
OPERA
FAUST
OPERA
PLAYING TODAY
AND THAT OPERA IS PLAYING IN TOWN TONIGHT! IF MY HUNCH IS CORRECT, I'LL FIND HIM THERE. THAT GUY'S REVENGE WILL BE **MURDER**!

WHILE AT THE THEATRE, THE STAGE IS SET FOR THE THRILLING CLIMAX OF THE OPERA, BUT...
WHA... **YOU!** HOW DID YOU GET HERE? THAT KNIFE...
NOW, MARGUERITA! YOU WILL GET WHAT YOU DESERVE!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT.....
DROP THAT KNIFE!
THE ANGEL! BUT I'M NOT THROUGH YET!
I KILLED THE ACTOR WHO TOOK MY PLACE, ANGEL! FOLLOW ME AND THE GIRL WILL DIE TOO!
YOUR DAYS OF TERROR AND MURDER ARE FINISHED DEVIL! YOU WON'T GET AWAY!
AND AS THE DEVIL GAINS THE RAFTERS!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO FOLLOW ME, ANGEL! MAYBE THIS WILL SHOW YOU THAT I MEAN WHAT I SAY!
HE'S GOING TO THROW THE GIRL DOWN... THOSE ROPES... I HOPE THEY'RE STRONG!
HELP... YIIIIIII!
HERE SHE COMES... MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT!
HANG ON, MISS... YOU'RE ALL RIGHT NOW!
TAKE CARE OF HER. I'M GOING AFTER THE DEVIL AND I'LL TWIST HIS TAIL!
COME AND GET ME, ANGEL! I'M WAITING FOR YOU!

HE'LL PROBABLY MAKE A DASH FOR THE SKYLIGHT! THAT'S HIS ONLY WAY OUT!
A LITTLE CLOSER, ANGEL!
SET 3
MISSED! BUT I'LL GET YOU YET!
WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! HAVE TO GET HIM BEFORE HE TRIES ANOTHER STUNT LIKE THAT!
CEMENT 100 LBS
THE DEVIL GRABS A HANGING ROPE, AND...
HA... A LITTLE SPILL OF FIFTY FEET WILL END YOUR CAREER IN A HURRY!
NOT YET, YOU DEVIL!
YOU MAKE A GOOD TACKLING DUMMY! NOW WE'LL SEE WHO'S CAREER IS ENDED!
OOF!
YOU HAVE PLAYED THE ROLE OF VIOLENCE TOO LONG, MEPHISTO! THIS IS THE END FOR YOU!
OOW!
AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...
SO HE'S THE ONE! THE FELLOW YOU RELEASED IN THE CELLAR CALLED US. THE OTHERS ARE ALL OKAY, THANKS TO YOU!
THE DEVIL ALWAYS GETS HIS DUE... AND HE WAS NO EXCEPTION!
THE END

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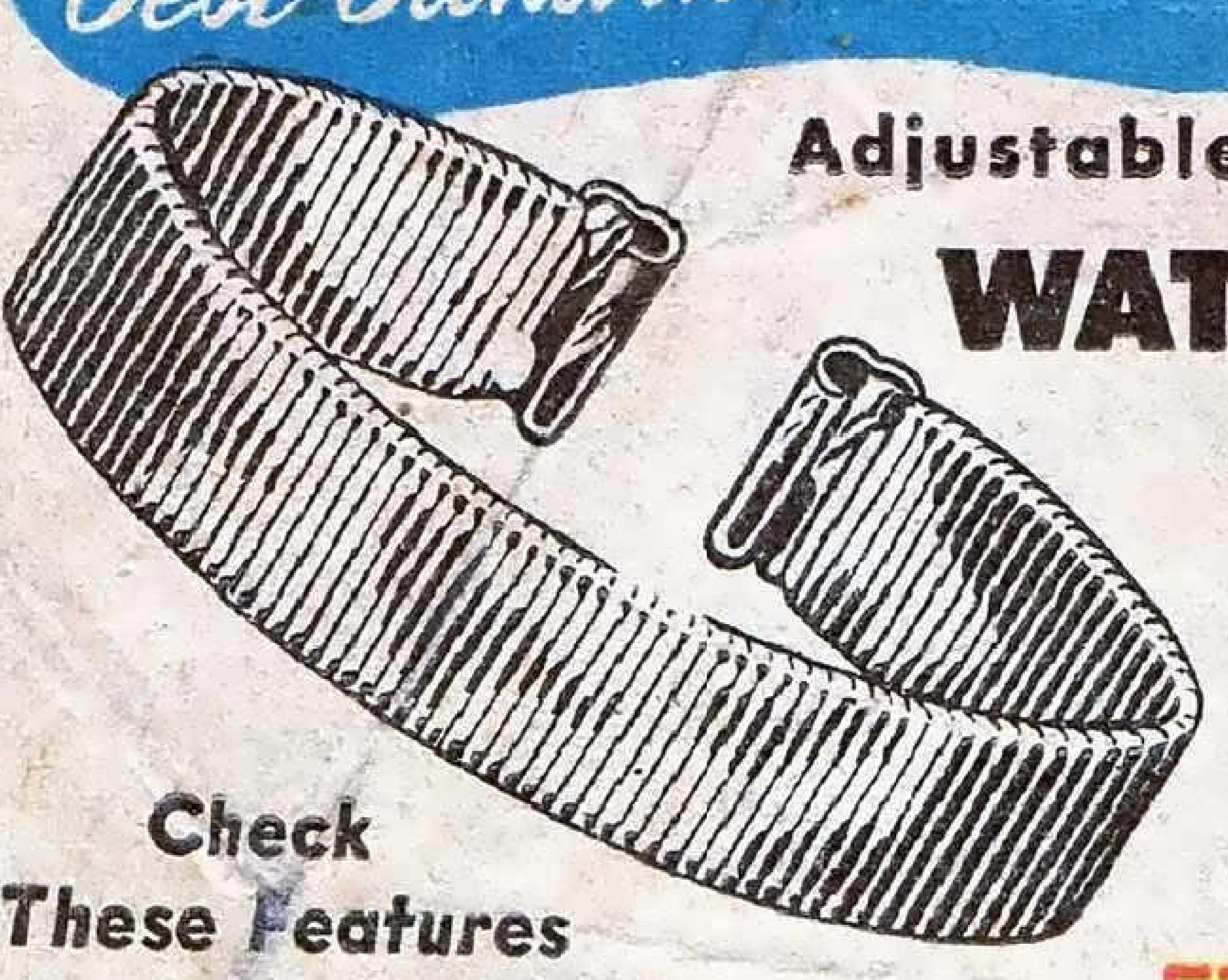

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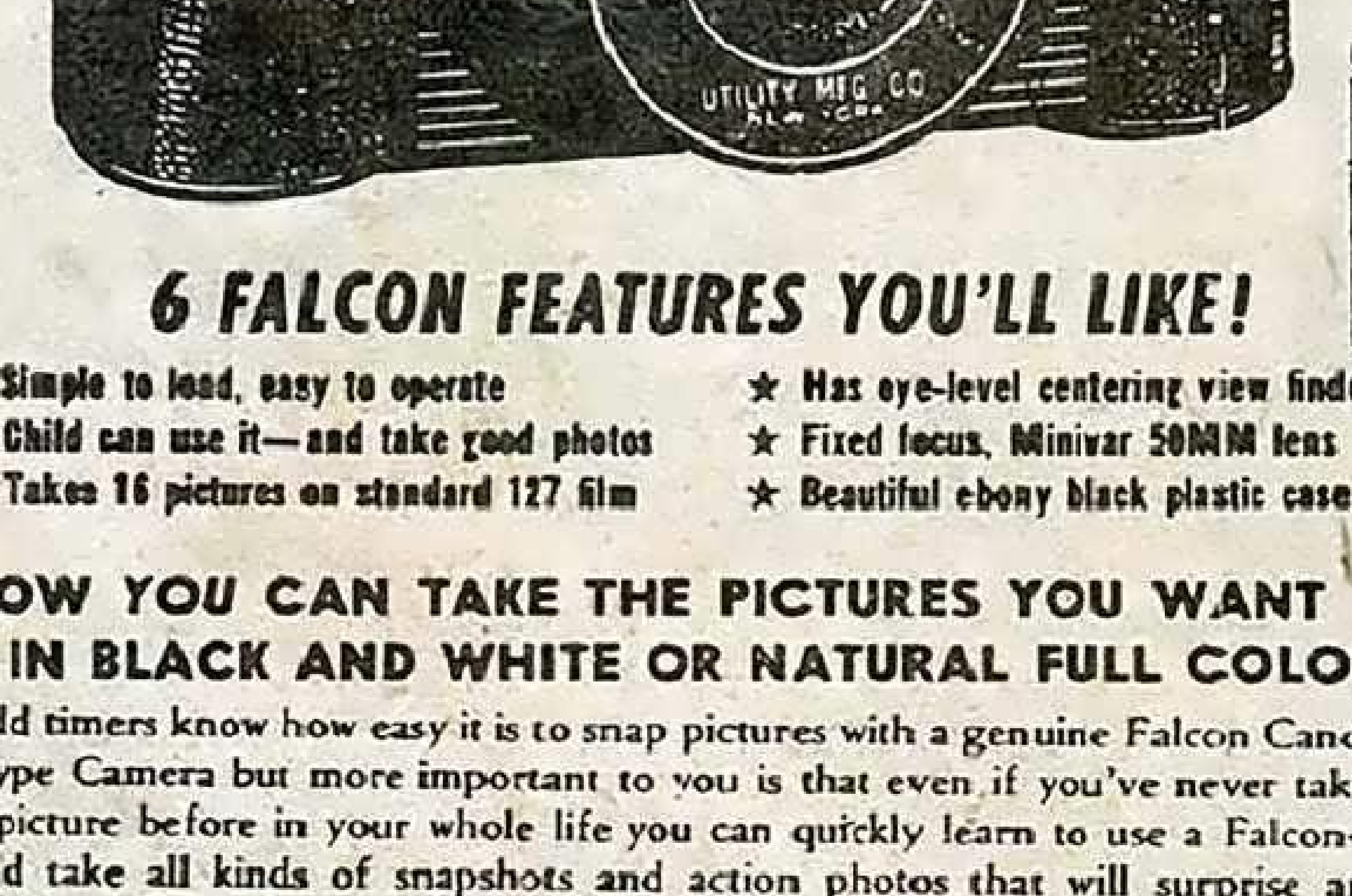

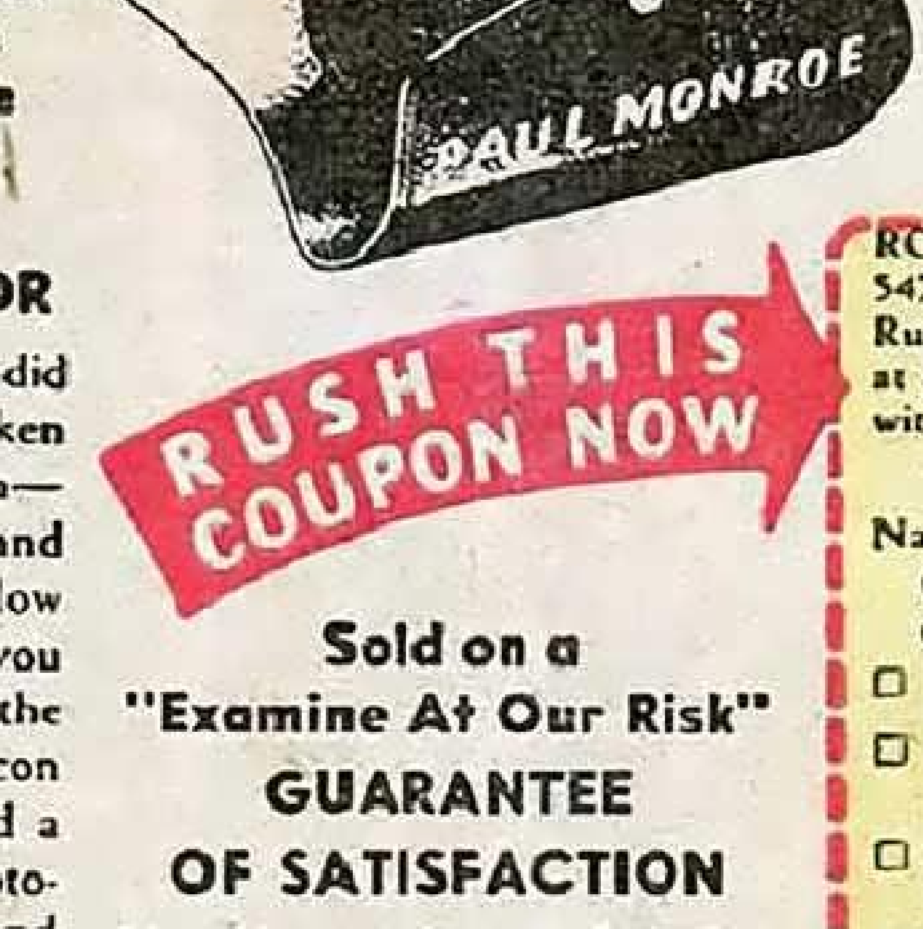

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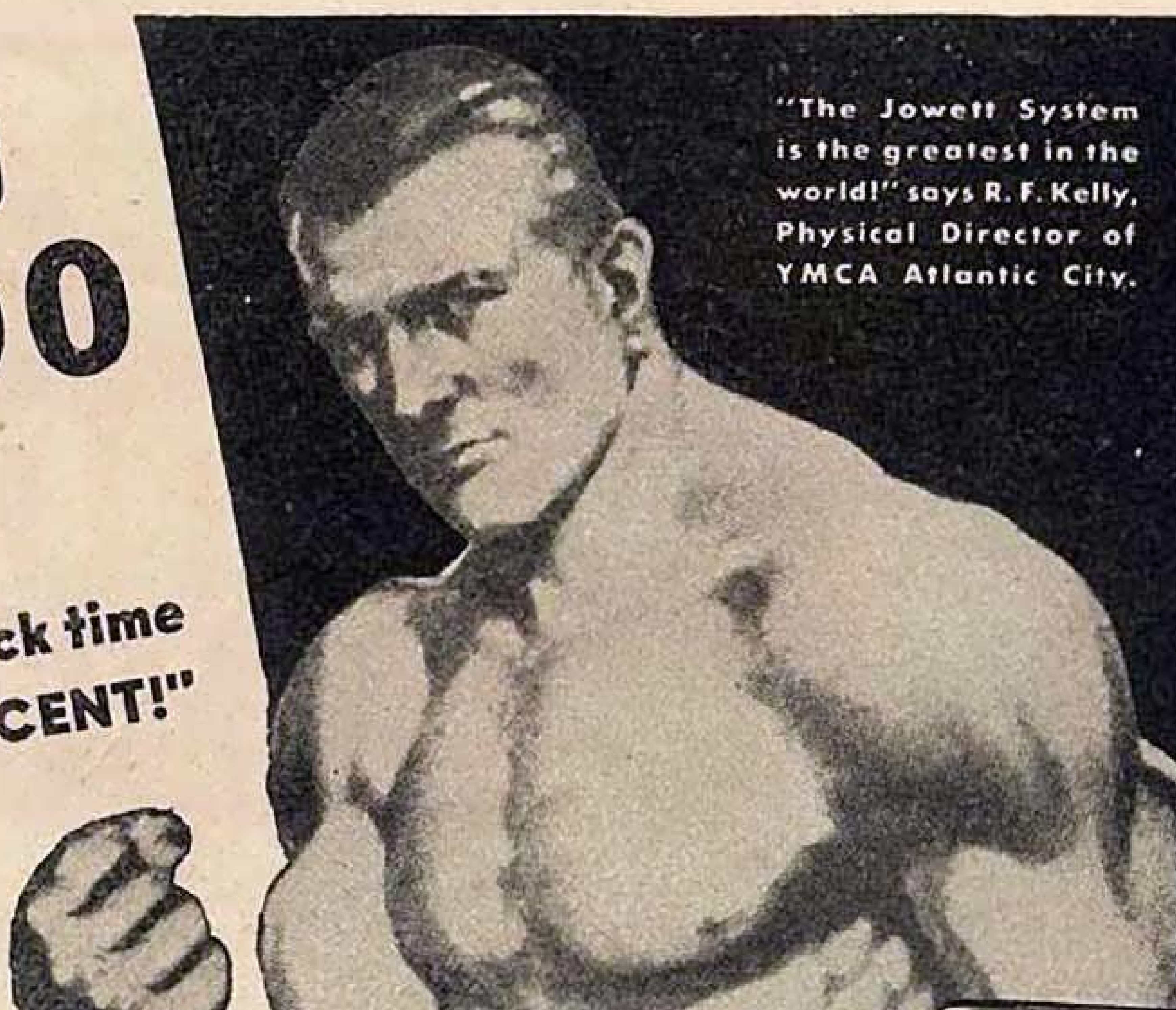

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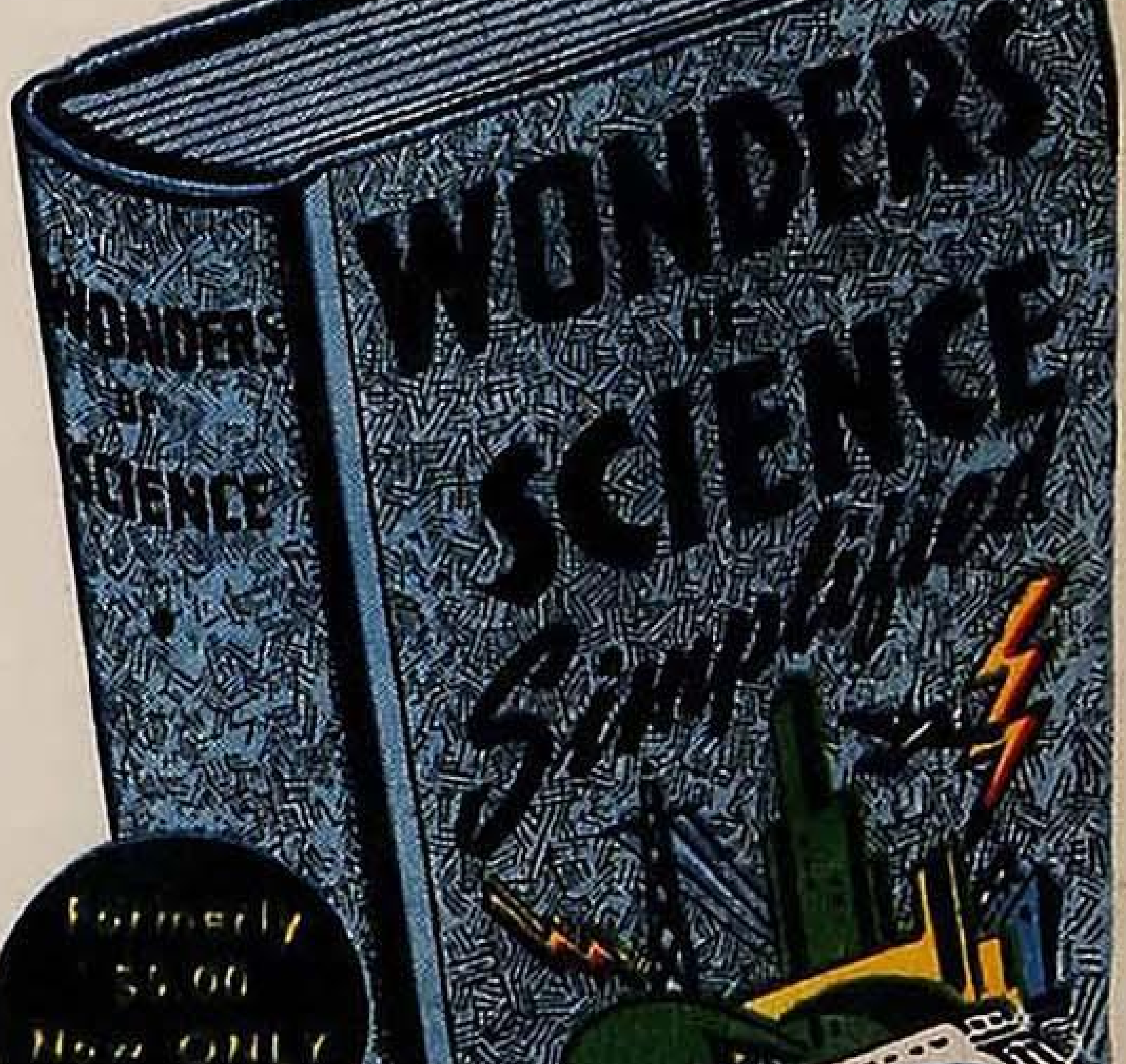

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